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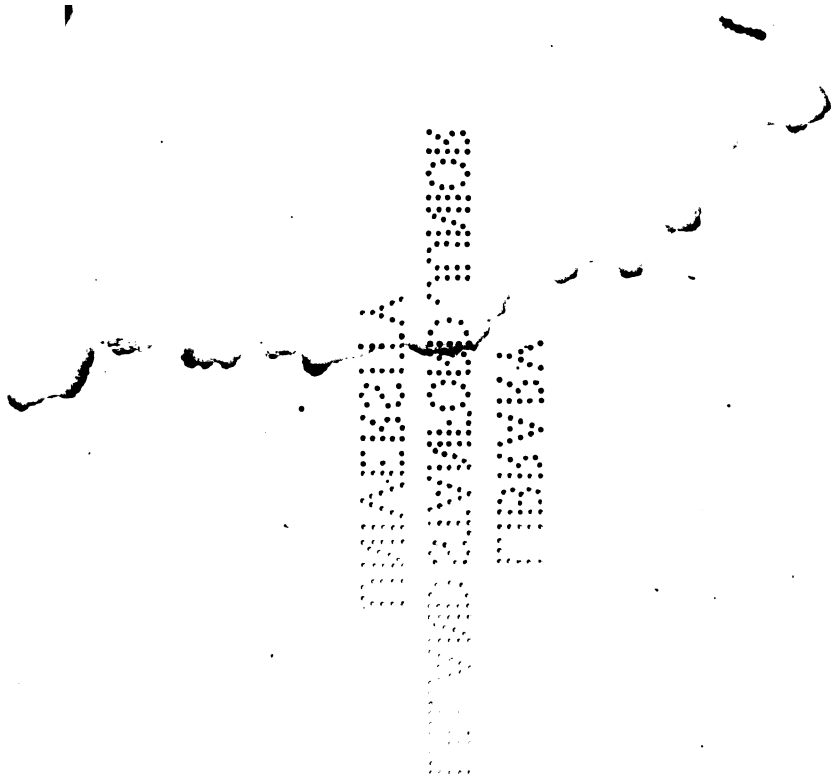

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Congress of the United States,

Begun and held in the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the first day of December, in the year of our Lord, 1817, being the *First Session* of the FIFTEENTH CONGRESS, held under the Constitution of Government of the United States:

On which day, being that appointed by the Constitution of the United States for the meeting of Congress, the following members of the House of Representatives appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats, to wit:

From NEW HAMPSHIRE,	Josiah Butler, Clifton Clagett, Salma Hale, Arthur Livermore, John F. Parrott, Nathaniel Upham.
From MASSACHUSETTS,	Benjamin Adams, Samuel C. Allen, Walter Folger, jr. Joshua Gage, John Holmes, Marcus Morton, Jeremiah Nelson, Benjamin Orr, Albion K. Parris, Nathaniel Ruggles, Zabdiel Simpson, Henry Shaw, Nathaniel Silsbee, Solomon Strong, Ezekiel Whitman.
From RHODE ISLAND.	John L. Boss, jr.

From Connecticut,	Uriel Holmes, Ebenezer Huntingdon, Jonathan O. Moseley, Timothy Pitkin, Samuel B. Sherwood, Nathaniel Terry, Thomas S. Williams,
From Vermont,	Heman Allen, Samuel C. Crafts, William Hunter, Orsamus C. Merrill, Charles Rich, Mark Richards.
From New York,	Oliver C. Comstock, Daniel Cruger, John P. Cushman, John R. Drake, Benjamin Ellicott, Josiah Hasbrouck, John Herkimer, Thomas H. Hubbard, William Irving, Dorrance Kirtland, Thomas Lawyer, John Palmer, James Porter, John Savage, Philip J. Schuyler, Tredwell Scudder, John C. Spencer, Henry R. Storrs, James Tallmadge, jr. John W. Taylor, Caleb Tompkins, George Townsend, Peter H. Wendover, Rensalear Westerlo, James W. Wilkin, Issac Williams.
From New Jersey,	Benjamin Bennett, Joseph Bloomfield, Charles Kinsey, John Linn, Henry Southard.

From PENNSYLVANIA,	William Anderson, Andrew Boden, Isaac Darlington, Joseph Hiester, Joseph Hopkinson, Samuel D. Ingham, William P. Maclay, David Marchand, Robert Moore, John Murray, Thomas Patterson, Levi Pawling, Adam Seybert, Jacob Spangler, Christian Tarr, James M. Wallace, John Whiteside, William Wilson.
From DELAWARE,	Louis M'Lane.
From MARYLAND,	Thomas Culbreth, John C. Herbert, Peter Little, George Peter, Philip Reed, Samuel Ringgold, Samuel Smith, Philip Stuart.
From VIRGINIA,	William Lee Ball, Philip P. Barbour, Burwell Bassett, William A. Burwell, Edward Colston, Robert S. Garnett, William M'Coy, Charles F. Mercer, Hugh Nelson, Thomas Newton, James Pindall, James Pleasants, Alexander Smyth, George F. Strother, Henry St. George Tucker, John Tyler.

From North Carolina,	Weldon N. Edwards, Daniel M. Forney, Thomas H. Hall, George Mumford, James Owen, Lemuel Sawyer, Thomas Settle, Jesse Slocumb, James S. Smith, Felix Walker, Louis Williams,
From South Carolina,	Joseph Bellinger, William Lowndes, Henry Middleton, Stephen D. Miller, Sterling Tucker.
From Georgia,	Joel Abbott, Thomas W. Cobb, Zadock Cook, Joel Crawford, John Forsyth, William Terrel.
From Kentucky,	Richard C. Anderson, jr. Henry Clay, Joseph Desha, Richard M. Johnson, Anthony New, Tunstall Quarles, jr. George Robertson, Thomas Speed, David Trimble, David Walker.
From Tennessee,	William G. Blount, Francis Jones, George W. L. Marr, John Rhea.
From Ohio,	Levi Barber, Philemon Beecher, John W. Campbell, William Henry Harrison, Samuel Herrick.
From Louisiana,	Thomas B. Robertson.
From Indiana,	William Hendricks.

A quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number of members, being present,

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a Speaker, and, upon examining the ballots, it appeared that Henry Clay, one of the Representatives for the state of Kentucky, was duly elected:

Whereupon,

Mr. Clay was conducted to the Speaker's chair, and the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, as prescribed by the act, entitled "An act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain oaths," was administered to him by Mr. Bassett, one of the members for the state of Virginia; after which he made his acknowledgments to the House, in the following words:

"If we consider, gentlemen, the free and illustrious origin of this assembly; the extent and magnitude of the interests committed to its charge; and the brilliant prospects of the rising confederacy, whose destiny may be materially affected by the Legislation of Congress, the House of Representatives justly ranks amongst the most eminent deliberative bodies that have existed. To be appointed to preside at its deliberations, is an exalted honor of which I entertain the highest sense; and I pray you to accept, for the flattering manner in which you have conferred it, my profound acknowledgments.

"If I bring into the chair, gentlemen, the advantage of some experience of its duties, far from inspiring me with undue confidence, that experience serves only to fill me with distrust of my own capacity. I have been taught by it, how arduous those duties are, and how unavailing would be any efforts of mine to discharge them, without the liberal support and cheering contenance of the House. I shall anxiously seek, gentlemen, to merit that support and countenance, by an undeviating aim at impartiality, and at the preservation of that decorum, without the observance of which, the public business must be illy transacted, and the dignity and the character of the House seriously impaired."

The oath or affirmation to support the constitution of the United States, as prescribed by the act before mentioned, was then administered, by the Speaker, to all the other members present.

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the election of a Clerk; and, upon examining the ballots, it appeared that Thomas Dougherty was unanimously elected.

The same oath, together with the oath of office, prescribed by the said act, were also administered to the Clerk, by the Speaker.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform them that a quorum of this House is assembled; that they have elected Henry Clay their Speaker, and are ready to proceed to business; and that the Clerk go with the said message.

On motion of Mr. Desha,

Resolved, That Thomas Dunn be appointed Sergeant at arms; Thomas Claxton, door keeper; and Benjamin Burch, assistant door keeper to the House, and that they do, severally, give their attendance accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Desha,

Resolved, That the rules and orders established by the late House of Representatives, be deemed, and taken to be, the rules and orders of proceeding to be observed in this House, until a revision or alteration of the same shall take place.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the Clerk furnish the members of this House with such newspapers as they may elect; the expense of each member not to exceed the price of three daily papers.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and ready to proceed to business: they have passed an order for the appointment of a committee, on their part, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them: they have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee for enrolled bills, and have appointed Mr. Wilson, of the said committee, on their part.

The said order and resolution were read and severally concurred in by the House; and,

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Schuyler, were appointed of the committee to wait on the President of the United States.

Mr. William Wilson and Mr. Speed, were appointed of the committee for Enrolled Bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Ordered, That the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, until otherwise ordered, be twelve o'clock in the forenoon.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 2, 1817.

Several other members, to wit: from New Jersey, Ephraim Bateman; from Virginia, William J. Lewis; and from Tennessee, Thomas Claiborne and Thomas Hogg, appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to them, by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, from the joint committee appointed yesterday to wait on the President of the United States, reported, that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered, that he would make a communication to the two Houses of Congress to-day, at 12 o'clock.

A message, in writing, was then received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph J. Monroe, his secretary, who delivered in the same at the Speaker's table, and withdrew.

The said message was read, and is as follows:

Fellow citizens of the Senate
and of the House of Representatives.

AT no period of our political existence had we so much cause to felicitate ourselves at the prosperous and happy condition of our country. The abundant fruits of the earth have filled it with plenty. An extensive and profitable commerce has greatly augmented our revenue. The public credit has attained an extraordinary elevation. Our preparations for defence, in case of future wars, from which, by the experience of all nations, we ought not to expect to be exempted, are advancing, under a well digested system, with all the despatch which so important a work will admit. Our free government, founded on the interest and affections of the people, has gained, and is daily gaining, strength. Local jealousies are rapidly yielding to more generous, enlarged, and enlightened views of national policy. For advantages so numerous, and highly important, it is our duty to unite in grateful acknowledgments to that Omnipotent Being, from whom they are derived, and in unceasing prayer, that he will endow us with virtue and strength to maintain and hand them down, in their utmost purity, to our latest posterity.

I have the satisfaction to inform you, that an arrangement, which had been commenced by my predecessor, with the British government for the reduction of the naval force, by Great Britain and the United States, on the lakes, has been concluded; by which it is provided, that neither party shall keep in service on Lake Champlain more than one vessel; on Lake Ontario, more than one; and on Lake Erie, and the upper lakes, more than two; to be armed, each, with one cannon only; and that all the other armed vessels, of both parties, of which an exact list is interchanged, shall be dismantled. It is also agreed, that the force retained shall be restricted, in its duty, to the internal purposes of each party; and that the arrangement shall remain in force until six months shall have expired, after notice given by one of the parties to the other of its desire that it should terminate. By this arrangement, useless expense, on both sides, and, what is of still greater importance, the danger of collision, between armed vessels, in those inland waters, which was great, is prevented. I have the satisfaction also to state, that the commissioners, under the fourth article of the treaty of Ghent, to whom it was referred to decide, to which party the several islands in the Bay of Passamaquoddy belonged, under the treaty of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, have agreed in a report, by which all the islands in the possession of each party before the late war have been decreed to it. The commissioners, acting under the other articles of the treaty of Ghent, for the settlement of boundaries, have also been engaged in the discharge of their respective duties, but have not yet completed them. The difference which arose between the two

governments under that treaty, respecting the right of the United States to take and cure fish on the coast of the British provinces, north of our limits, which had been secured by the treaty of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, is still in negotiation. The proposition made by this government, to extend to the colonies of Great Britain the principle of the convention of London, by which the commerce between the ports of the United States and British ports in Europe, had been placed on a footing of equality, has been declined by the British government. This subject having been thus amicably discussed between the two governments, and it appearing that the British government is unwilling to depart from its present regulations, it remains for Congress to decide, whether they will make any other regulations, in consequence thereof, for the protection and improvement of our navigation.

The negotiation with Spain, for spoliations on our commerce, and the settlement of boundaries, remains, essentially, in the state it held, by the communications that were made to Congress by my predecessor. It has been evidently the policy of the Spanish government to keep the negotiation suspended, and in this the United States have acquiesced, from an amicable disposition towards Spain, and in the expectation that her government would, from a sense of justice, finally accede to such an arrangement as would be equal between the parties. A disposition has been lately shown by the Spanish government to move in the negotiation, which has been met by this government, and, should the conciliatory and friendly policy, which has invariably guided our councils, be reciprocated, a just and satisfactory arrangement may be expected. It is proper, however, to remark, that no proposition has yet been made from which such a result can be presumed.

It was anticipated at an early stage, that the contest between Spain and the colonies would become highly interesting to the United States. It was natural that our citizens should sympathize in events which affected their neighbors. It seemed probable, also, that the prosecution of the conflict along our coast, and in contiguous countries, would occasionally interrupt our commerce, and otherwise affect the persons and property of our citizens. These anticipations have been realised. Such injuries have been received from persons acting under the authority of both the parties, and for which redress has, in most instances, been withheld. Through every stage of the conflict, the United States have maintained an impartial neutrality, giving aid to neither of the parties in men, money, ships or munitions of war. They have regarded the contest, not in the light of an ordinary insurrection or rebellion, but as a civil war between parties nearly equal, having as to neutral powers, equal rights. Our ports have been open to both, and every article, the fruit of our soil, or of the industry of our citizens, which either was permitted to take, has been equally free to the other. Should the colonies establish their independence, it is proper now to state, that this government neither seeks nor would accept from them, any advantage in commerce, or

otherwise, which will not be equally open to all other nations. The colonies will, in that event, become independent states, free from any obligation to, or connexion with, us, which it may not then be their interest to form on the basis of a fair reciprocity.

In the summer of the present year, an expedition was set on foot against East Florida, by persons claiming to act under the authority of some of the colonies, who took possession of Amelia Island, at the mouth of the St. Mary's river, near the boundary of the state of Georgia. As this province lies eastward of the Mississippi, and is bounded by the United States and the ocean on every side, and has been a subject of negotiation with the government of Spain, as an indemnity for losses by spoliation, or in exchange for territory of equal value, westward of the Mississippi, a fact well known to the world, it excited surprise, that any countenance should be given to this measure by any of the colonies. As it would be difficult to reconcile it with the friendly relations existing between the United States and the colonies, a doubt was entertained, whether it had been authorized by them, or any of them. This doubt has gained strength, by the circumstances which have unfolded themselves in the prosecution of the enterprise, which have marked it as a mere private, unauthorized adventure. Projected and commenced with an incompetent force, reliance seems to have been placed on what might be drawn, in defiance of our laws, from within our limits; and of late, as their resources have failed, it has assumed a more marked character of unfriendliness to us; the island being made a channel for the illicit introduction of slaves from Africa, into the United States, an asylum for fugitive slaves from the neighboring states, and a port for smuggling of every kind.

A similar establishment was made, at an earlier period, by persons of the same description, in the Gulf of Mexico, at a place called Galvezton, within the limits of the United States, as we contend, under the cession of Louisiana. This enterprise has been marked, in a more signal manner, by all the objectionable circumstances which characterized the other, and more particularly by the equipment of privateers which have annoyed our commerce, and by smuggling. These establishments, if ever sanctioned by any authority whatever, which is not believed, have abused their trust, and forfeited all claim to consideration. A just regard for the rights and interests of the United States required that they should be suppressed, and orders have been accordingly issued to that effect. The imperious considerations which produced this measure will be explained to the parties whom it may, in any degree, concern.

To obtain correct information on every subject in which the United States are interested; to inspire just sentiments in all persons in authority, on either side, of our friendly disposition, so far as it may comport with an impartial neutrality; and to secure proper respect to our commerce in every port, and from every flag, it has been thought proper to send a ship of war, with three distinguished citizens, along the southern coast, with instruction to touch at such

ports as they may find most expedient for these purposes. With the existing authorities, with those in the possession of, and exercising the sovereignty, must the communication be held; from them alone can redress for past injuries, committed by persons acting under them, be obtained; by them alone can the commission of the like, in future, be prevented.

Our relations with the other powers of Europe have experienced no essential change since the last session. In our intercourse with each, due attention continues to be paid to the protection of our commerce, and to every other object in which the United States are interested A strong hope is entertained, that, by adhering to the maxims of a just, a candid, and friendly policy, we may long preserve amicable relations with all the powers of Europe, on conditions advantageous and honorable to our country.

With the Barbary states and the Indian tribes, our pacific relations have been preserved.

In calling your attention to the internal concerns of our country, the view which they exhibit is peculiarly gratifying. The payments which have been made into the Treasury show the very productive state of the public revenue. After satisfying the appropriations made by law for the support of the civil government, and of the military and naval establishments, embracing suitable provision for fortifications and for the gradual increase of the navy, paying the interest of the public debt, and extinguishing more than eighteen millions of the principal, within the present year, it is estimated that a balance of more than six millions of dollars will remain in the Treasury on the first day of January next, applicable to the current service of the ensuing year. The payments into the Treasury during the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, on account of imposts and tonnage, resulting principally from duties which have accrued in the present year, may be fairly estimated at twenty millions; internal revenues, at two millions five hundred thousand; public lands, at one million five hundred thousand; bank dividends and incidental receipts, at five hundred thousand; making in the whole, twenty-four millions five hundred thousand dollars.

The annual permanent expenditure for the support of the civil government, and of the army and navy, as now established by law, amounts to eleven millions eight hundred thousand dollars; and for the sinking fund, to ten millions; making in the whole, twenty-one millions and eight hundred thousand; leaving an annual excess of revenue beyond the expenditure of two millions seven hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of the balance estimated to be in the Treasury on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

In the present state of the Treasury, the whole of the Louisiana debt may be redeemed in the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen; after which, if the public debt continues as it now is, above par, there will be annually about five millions of the sinking fund unexpended, until the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five,

when the loan of one thousand eight hundred and twelve, and the stock created by funding Treasury notes, will be redeemable.

It is also estimated that the Mississippi stock will be discharged during the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, from the proceeds of the public lands assigned to that object, after which the receipts from those lands will annually add to the public revenue the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars, making the permanent annual revenue amount to twenty-six millions, and leaving an annual excess of revenue, after the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, beyond the permanent authorized expenditure, of more than four millions of dollars.

By the late returns of the Department of War, the militia force of the several states may be estimated at eight hundred thousand men, infantry, artillery and cavalry. Great part of this force is armed, and measures are taken to arm the whole. An improvement in the organization and discipline of the militia, is one of the great objects which claims the unremitted attention of Congress.

The regular force amounts nearly to the number required by law, and is stationed along the Atlantic and inland frontiers.

Of the naval force it has been necessary to maintain strong squadrons in the Mediterranean and in the Gulf of Mexico.

From several of the Indian tribes, inhabiting the country bordering on Lake Erie, purchases have been made of lands, on conditions very favorable to the United States, and as it is presumed, not less so to the tribes themselves. By these purchases, the Indian title, with moderate reservations, has been extinguished, to the whole of the land within the limits of the state of Ohio, and to a part of that in the Michigan territory, and of the state of Indiana. From the Cherokee tribe a tract has been purchased in the state of Georgia, and an arrangement made, by which, in exchange for lands beyond the Mississippi, a great part, if not the whole, of the land belonging to that tribe, eastward of that river, in the states of North Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee, and in the Alabama territory, will soon be acquired. By these acquisitions, and others that may reasonably be expected soon to follow, we shall be enabled to extend our settlements from the inhabited parts of the state of Ohio, along Lake Erie into the Michigan territory, and to connect our settlements, by degrees, through the state of Indiana and the Illinois territory, to that of Missouri. A similar and equally advantageous effect will soon be produced to the south, through the whole extent of the states and territory which border on the waters emptying into the Mississippi and the Mobile. In this progress, which the rights of nature demand, and nothing can prevent, marking a growth rapid and gigantic, it is our duty to make new efforts for the preservation, improvement, and civilization of the native inhabitants. The hunter state can exist only in the vast uncultivated desert. It yields to the more dense and compact form, and greater force, of civilized population; and of right it ought to yield, for the earth was given to mankind to support the greatest number of which

it is capable, and no tribe or people have a right to withhold from the wants of others more than is necessary for their own support and comfort. It is gratifying to know that the reservations of land made by the treaties with the tribes on Lake Erie, were made with a view to individual ownership among them, and to the cultivation of the soil by all, and that an annual stipend has been pledged to supply their other wants. It will merit the consideration of Congress, whether other provision, not stipulated by treaty, ought to be made for these tribes, and for the advancement of the liberal and humane policy of the United States towards all the tribes within our limits, and more particularly for their improvement in the arts of civilized life.

Among the advantages incident to these purchases, and to those which have preceded, the security which may thereby be afforded to our inland frontiers is peculiarly important. With a strong barrier, consisting of our own people thus planted on the lakes, the Mississippi, and the Mobile, with the protection to be derived from the regular forces, Indian hostilities, if they do not altogether cease, will henceforth lose their terror. Fortifications in those quarters, to any extent, will not be necessary, and the expense attending them may be saved. A people accustomed to the use of fire arms only, as the Indian tribes are, will shun even moderate works, which are defended by cannon. Great fortifications, will, therefore, be requisite only, in future, along the coast, and at some points in the interior, connected with it. On these will the safety of our towns, and the commerce of our great rivers, from the Bay of Fundy to the Mississippi, depend. On these, therefore, should the utmost attention, skill, and labor, be bestowed.

A considerable and rapid augmentation in the value of all the public lands, proceeding from these and other obvious causes, may henceforward be expected. The difficulties attending early emigrations, will be dissipated even in the most remote parts. Several new states have been admitted into our Union, to the west and south, and territorial governments, happily organized, established over every other portion, in which there is vacant land for sale. In terminating Indian hostilities, as must soon be done, in a formidable shape at least, the emigration, which has heretofore been great, will probably increase, and the demand for land, and the augmentation in its value, be in like proportion. The great increase of our population throughout the Union will alone produce an important effect, and in no quarter will it be so sensibly felt as in those in contemplation. The public lands are a public stock, which ought to be disposed of to the best advantage for the nation. The nation should, therefore, derive the profit proceeding from the continual rise in their value. Every encouragement should be given to the emigrants, consistent with a fair competition between them, but that competition should operate in the first sale to the advantage of the nation rather than of individuals. Great capitalists will derive all the benefit incident to their superior wealth, under any mode of sale which

may be adopted. But if, looking forward to the rise in the value of the public lands, they should have the opportunity of amassing, at a low price, vast bodies in their hands, the profit will accrue to them, and not to the public. They would also have the power, in that degree, to control the emigration and settlement in such manner as their opinion of their respective interests might dictate. I submit this subject to the consideration of Congress, that such further provision may be made in the sale of the public lands, with a view to the public interest, should any be deemed expedient, as in their judgment may be best adapted to the object.

When we consider the vast extent of territory within the United States; the great amount and value of its productions; the connexion of its parts, and other circumstances, on which their prosperity and happiness depend, we cannot fail to entertain a high sense of the advantage to be derived from the facility which may be afforded in the intercourse between them, by means of good roads and canals. Never did a country of such vast extent offer equal inducements to improvements of this kind, nor ever were consequences of such magnitude involved in them. As this subject was acted on by Congress at the last session, and there may be a disposition to revive it at the present, I have brought it into view, for the purpose of communicating my sentiments on a very important circumstance connected with it, with that freedom and candor which a regard for the public interest, and a proper respect for Congress, require. A difference of opinion has existed from the first formation of our constitution, to the present time, among our most enlightened and virtuous citizens, respecting the right of Congress to establish such a system of improvement. Taking into view the trust with which I am now honored, it would be improper, after what has passed, that this discussion should be revived, with an uncertainty of my opinion respecting the right. Disregarding early impressions, I have bestowed on the subject all the deliberation which its great importance, and a just sense of my duty required, and the result is, a settled conviction in my mind, that Congress do not possess the right. It is not contained in any of the specified powers granted to Congress; nor can I consider it incident to, or a necessary mean, viewed on the most liberal scale, for carrying into effect any of the powers which are specifically granted. In communicating this result, I cannot resist the obligation which I feel, to suggest to Congress the propriety of recommending to the states the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution, which shall give to Congress the right in question. In cases of doubtful construction, especially of such vital interest, it comports with the nature and origin of our institutions, and will contribute much to preserve them, to apply to our constituents for an explicit grant of the power. We may confidently rely, that if it appears to their satisfaction, that the power is necessary, it will always be granted. In this case I am happy to observe, that experience has afforded the most ample proof of its utility, and that the benign spirit of conciliation and harmony, which

now manifests itself throughout our Union, promises to such a recommendation the most prompt and favorable result. I think proper to suggest, also, in case this measure is adopted, that it be recommended to the states to include, in the amendment sought, a right in Congress to institute, likewise, seminaries of learning for the all-important purpose of diffusing knowledge among our fellow citizens throughout the United States.

Our manufactories will require the continued attention of Congress. The capital employed in them is considerable, and the knowledge acquired in the machinery and fabric of all the most useful manufactures, is of great value. Their preservation, which depends on due encouragement, is connected with the high interests of the nation.

Although the progress of the public buildings has been as favorable as circumstances have permitted, it is to be regretted that the Capitol is not yet in a state to receive you. There is good cause to presume, that the two wings, the only parts as yet commenced, will be prepared for that purpose at the next session. The time seems now to have arrived, when this subject may be deemed worthy the attention of Congress, on a scale adequate to national purposes. The completion of the middle building will be necessary to the convenient accommodation of Congress, of the committees, and various offices belonging to it. It is evident that the other public buildings are altogether insufficient for the accommodation of the several executive departments, some of whom are much crowded, and even subjected to the necessity of obtaining it in private buildings, at some distance from the head of the department, and with inconvenience to the management of the public business. Most nations have taken an interest and a pride in the improvement and ornament of their metropolis, and none were more conspicuous in that respect than the ancient republicks. The policy which dictated the establishment of a permanent residence for the national government, and the spirit in which it was commenced and has been prosecuted, show that such improvement was thought worthy the attention of this nation. Its central position, between the northern and southern extremes of our Union, and its approach to the west, at the head of a great navigable river, which interlocks with the western waters, prove the wisdom of the councils which established it. Nothing appears to be more reasonable and proper, than that convenient accommodation should be provided, on a well digested plan, for the heads of the several departments, and of the attorney general; and it is believed that the public ground in the city, applied to those objects will be found amply sufficient. I submit this subject to the consideration of Congress, that such further provision may be made in it, as to them may seem proper.

In contemplating the happy situation of the United States, our attention is drawn, with peculiar interest, to the surviving officers and soldiers of our revolutionary army, who so eminently contributed, by their services, to lay its foundation. Most of those very

meritorious citizens have paid the debt of nature and gone to repose. It is believed, that among the survivors, there are some not provided for by existing laws, who are reduced to indigence, and even to real distress. These men have a claim on the gratitude of their country, and it will do honor to their country to provide for them. The lapse of a few years more, and the opportunity will be forever lost: indeed, so long already has been the interval, that the number to be benefitted by any provision which may be made, will not be great.

It appearing in a satisfactory manner that the revenue arising from imposts and tonnage, and from the sale of the public lands, will be fully adequate to the support of the civil government, of the present military and naval establishments, including the annual augmentation of the latter to the extent provided for, to the payment of the interest on the public debt, and to the extinguishment of it at the times authorized, without the aid of the internal taxes, I consider it my duty to recommend to Congress their repeal. To impose taxes, when the public exigencies require them, is an obligation of the most sacred character, especially with a free people. The faithful fulfillment of it is among the highest proofs of their virtue, and capacity for self-government. To dispense with taxes, when it may be done with perfect safety, is equally the duty of their representatives. In this instance we have the satisfaction to know that they were imposed when the demand was imperious, and have been sustained with exemplary fidelity. I have to add, that, however gratifying it may be to me, regarding the prosperous and happy condition of our country, to recommend the repeal of these taxes at this time, I shall nevertheless be attentive to events, and, should any future emergency occur, be not less prompt to suggest such measures and burdens, as may then be requisite and proper.

JAMES MONROE.

Ordered, That the said message be referred to the committee of the whole, on the state of the Union, and that 5000 copies thereof be printed for the use of the members of this House.

On motion of Mr. James S. Smith.

Ordered, That the Constitution of the United States and the rules and orders of this House be printed for the use of the members.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December.3, 1817.

Several other members, to wit: from Pennsylvania, John Sergeant; from Virginia, Peterson Goodwyn and Thomas M. Nelson; and from South Carolina, Wilson Nesbit appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from John Gardiner, chief clerk in the general land office, accompanied with two copies of a Map of the bounty lands in the Illinois territory, engraved for the use of the soldiers of the late army, which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That the House do now proceed to the appointment of the standing committees, pursuant to the rules and orders of the House: Whereupon

A committee of Ways and Means was appointed, consisting of Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Smith, (Md.) Mr. Burwell, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Sargeant, and Mr. Trimble.

A committee of Elections was appointed, consisting of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Merrill, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Boss, Mr. Whitman, and Mr. Strong.

A committee of Commerce and Manufactures was appointed, consisting of Mr. Newton, Mr. Seybert, Mr. Moseley, Mr. Irving, (N. Y.) Mr. M'Lane, Mr. Crawford, and Mr. Kinsey.

A committee of Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Williams, (N. C.) Mr. Rich, Mr. Bateman, Mr. M'Coy, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Schuyler, and Mr. Walker, (Ken.)

A committee for the District of Columbia was appointed, consisting of Mr. Herbert, Mr. Miller, Mr. Peter, Mr. Boden, Mr. Strother, Mr. Claiborne, and Mr. Cobb.

A committee on the Public Lands was appointed, consisting of Mr. Robertson, (Lou.) Mr. Anderson, (Ky.) Mr. Mercer, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Marr.

A Committee on Private Land Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Herrick, Mr. Heister, Mr. Pindall, Mr. Hogg, and Mr. Tompkins.

A committee on the Post Office and Post Roads was appointed, consisting of Mr. Ingham, Mr. Blount, Mr. Barber, (Ohio,) Mr. Townsend, Mr. Jeremiah Nelson, Mr. Colston, and Mr. Terrell.

A committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Rhea, Mr. Wilkin, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. William P. Maclay, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Ellicot, and Mr. Owen.

A committee on Public Expenditures was appointed, consisting of Mr. Desha, Mr. Anderson, (Pa.) Mr. Garnett, Mr. Cushman, Mr. Culbreth, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Holmes, (Con.)

A committee on the Judiciary was appointed, consisting of Mr. Hugh Nelson, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Beecher, Mr. Livermore, and Mr. Hale.

A committee of accounts was appointed, consisting of Mr. Little, Mr. Bennet, and Mr. Allen, (Mass.)

A committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business was appointed consisting of Mr. Savage, Mr. Whiteside, and Mr. Westerlo.

A committee on the Expenditures in the Department of State was appointed, consisting of Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Hasbrouck, and Mr. Scudder.

A committee on the Expenditures in the Treasury Department was appointed, consisting of Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Allen, (Vt.) and Mr. Marchand.

A committee on the Expenditures in the War Department was appointed, consisting of Mr. Johnson, (Ky.) Mr. Tucker, (S. C.) and Mr. Herkimer.

A committee on the Expenditures in the Navy Department was appointed, consisting of Mr. Pleasants, Mr. Storrs, and Mr. Sampson.

A committee on the Expenditures in the Post Office, was appointed, consisting of Mr. Ingham, Mr. Hubbard, and Mr. Huntington.

A committee on the Expenditures on the Public Buildings was appointed, consisting of Mr. Tucker, (Vir.) Mr. Drake and Mr. Orr.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, (Md.) reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration and come to several resolutions thereon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where they were again read and severally concurred in by the House, and are as follows:

1. Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the subject of foreign affairs, and to our commercial intercourse with British colonial ports, be referred to a select committee: And that the said committee be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what provisions of law are necessary to insure to the American colonies of Spain, a just observance of the duties incident to the neutral relation, in which the United States stand, in the existing war between them and Spain.

2. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to military affairs, be referred to a select committee.

3. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to an improvement in the organization and discipline of the militia, be referred to a select committee.

4. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to naval affairs, be referred to a select committee.

5. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to manufactures, be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

6. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the improvement of the Indian tribes in the arts of a civilized life, be referred to a select committee.

7. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to roads, canals, and seminaries of learning, be referred to a select committee.

8. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the illicit introduction of Slaves from Amelia Island into the United States, be referred to a select committee.

9. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the public buildings, and to the erection of new edifices for the accommodation of the heads of departments and the attorney general, be referred to a select committee.

10. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army be referred to a select committe.

11. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the subject of revenue and a repeal of the internal taxes be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

12. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to purchases of lands from the Indian tribes, be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

13. Resolved, That the said select committees have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Holmes, (Mass.) Mr. Barbour, (Vir.) Mr. Robertson, (Lou.) Mr. Porter, Mr. Orr, and Mr. Goodwyn, were appointed a committee pursuant to the first resolution.

Mr. Johnson, (Ky.) Mr. Bloomfield, Mr. Reed, Mr. Thomas M. Nelson, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Forney, and Mr. Gage, were appointed a committee pursuant to the second resolution.

Mr. Harrison, Mr. Alexander Smyth, Mr. Quarles, Mr. Williams, (Con.) Mr. Jones, Mr. Lynn, and Mr. Morton, were appointed a committee pursuant to the third resolution.

Mr. Pleasants, Mr. Silsbee, Mr. Wendover, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Sawyer, and Mr. Schuyler, were appointed a committee pursuant to the fourth resolution.

Mr. Southard, Mr. Williams, (N. Y.) Mr. Murray, Mr. Slocumb, Mr. Butler, Mr. Richards, and Mr. Tarr, were appointed a committee pursuant to the sixth resolution.

Mr. Tucker, (Vir.) Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Ingham, Mr. Storrs, Mr. Clagett, Mr. Robertson, (Ky.) and Mr. Lewis, were appointed a committee pursuant to the seventh resolution.

Mr. Middleton, Mr. James S. Smith, Mr. Upham, Mr. Lawyer, Mr. Ball, Mr. Mumford, and Mr. Cook, were appointed a committee pursuant to the eighth resolution.

Mr. Parris, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Bellinger, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Crafts, and Mr. Folger, were appointed a committee pursuant to the ninth resolution.

Mr. Bloomfield, Mr. Reed, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Rhea, Mr. Smith, (Md.) Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Hall, (N. C.) were appointed a committee pursuant to the tenth resolution.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 4, 1817.

Three other members, to wit: from Pennsylvania, Henry Baldwin, from Maryland, Thomas Bayley, and from Virginia, James Johnson, appeared produced their credentials, and took their seats:

the oath to support the constitution of the United States, being first administered to them, by Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Parris,

Ordered, That the petition of Noah Miller, presented on the 1st of April, 1816. be referred to a select committee; and Mr. Parris, Mr. Adams, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Richards, and Mr. Orr, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants, of the county of York, in the district of Maine, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Louisa, and Fluvanna, in the state of Virginia, also praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of William Lawrence, praying compensation for losses he sustained, by removing from the British province of Nova Scotia, to the United States in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Daniel Sedgley, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Ordered, That the petition of John St. John, presented on the 13th January, 1817, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Ordered, That the petition of Richard G. Morris, presented on the 21st December, be also referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Forsyth,

Ordered, That the petitions of Daniel Evans and John Dent, presented on the 28th February, 1816, and the 6th December, 1816, be also referred to the said committee.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Alexander Worster, late an officer in the army, praying to be indemnified the amount of a judgment, obtained against him, for enlisting a minor as a soldier, in the army during the late war, together with costs of suit.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of Loring Austin, a major by brevet, in the army of the United States, praying to be indemnified the amount of a judgment, obtained against him for acts done in the execution of his duty, in virtue of an order directed to him, by the late general Pike, dated the 25th of March, 1813, together with costs of suit, and his expenditures in defending the said suit.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Ordered, That the petition of Edward Barry and George Hodge, presented on the 9th December, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Ordered, That the petition of James Babbitt, presented on the 11th of December, 1816, be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of the managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, praying the remission of the duties, charged on the importation of a painting of "Christ healing in the temple," which has been presented by Benjamin West of London, to the said Hospital.

Mr. Desha presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Croghansville and its vicinity on Sandusky river in the state of Ohio, praying that the town of Croghansville, aforesaid, may be established as a port of entry.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Whiteside presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying for a repeal of the acts imposing internal duties.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of James H. M'Cullock, presented on the 10th of January, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Forsyth presented a petition of George Pearson, praying that the benefits of the act of the 31st of March, 1814, for the indemnification of certain claimants, of public lands in the Mississippi territory, may be extended to him for the reasons stated in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Ordered, That the petition of John Bate, presented on the 3d of January, 1817, be referred to a select committee; and Mr. Johnson of Kentucky, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Anderson, of Kentucky, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Patterson, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Comstock,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law, for the commutation into money, of the military bounty lands, granted by Congress.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution "for the admission of the state of Mississippi, into the Union." They have also passed a resolution "for the appointment of a joint committee, to consist of three members of each house, who shall have the direction of the money, appropriated for the purchase of books and

maps for the use of the two Houses of Congress," and have appointed the committee on their part. And they have also passed a resolution, for the appointment of two chaplains to Congress, during the present session, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly; in which said resolutions, they ask the concurrence of this House.

The resolution for the admission of the state of Mississippi into the Union, was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

The resolution for the appointment of a committee, to have the direction of the money for the purchase of books, &c. was read and concurred in by the House, and Mr. Seybert, Mr. Whitman, and Mr. Middleton, were appointed of the said committee, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The resolution for the appointment of chaplains, was read, and also concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Resolved, That this House will to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, proceed to the election of a chaplain, on their part.

And the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 5, 1817.

Two other members, to wit: from Pennsylvania, William Maclay, and from Virginia, Ballard Smith, appeared, produced their credentials and took their seats; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Clagett presented petitions from James Burnsiel and James Spaulding.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition from Daniel Simonds and James Bott.

Mr. Folger presented a petition of Robert Cottle.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of Nathaniel Stowell.

Mr. Williams, of New York, presented a petition of Joseph Westcoot.

Mr. Barber, of Ohio, presented a petition of George Shrieve.

Mr. Bloomfild presented petitions from John Nutter, and Samuel Hendrey.

Mr. Peter presented a petition of Bennett Mudd, respectively praying for pensions.

Mr. Orr presented a petition of Matthew B. White.

Mr. Merrill presented petitions from Daniel Boynton, Nathaniel Thompson, and Jonathan Bowers, respectively praying for an increase of the pensions heretofore granted to them.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Ringgold,

Ordered, That the petition of John Carr, presented on the 18th of January, 1817, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Barbour, of Virginia,

Ordered, That the petition of Edmund Brooke, presented on the 10th of December, 1810, be also referred to the same committe.

Mr. Orr presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Bath in the district of Maine, retailers of wines and spirituous liquors, praying that the act imposing duties on licenses to retailers may be repealed.

Mr. Allen of Vermont, presented a petition of Jeremiah Brownell, praying to be discharged from prison, where he is confined, under an execution issued at the suit of the United States.

Mr. Smith of Maryland, presented a petition of Ambrose Vasse, praying to be paid the amount of an award in his favor, under the 6th article of the treaty with Great Britian of 1794, which he has not received, because he did not at the time of making the award, conceive himself entitled to the same.

Mr. Cobb presented a petition of Joshua Clarke, late a paymaster to a regiment of militia in the service of the United States, praying to be exonerated from refunding to the Unitnd States, a sum of money placed in his hands, for the payment of the said regiment, and of which he was robbed by a servant.

Mr. Desha presented a petition of John Boyd, praying for the remission of the duties secured by him, to be paid on his distillery, the same having been subsequently destroyed by fire, together with all the spirits distilled under his license.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion, of Mr. Irving of New York.

Ordered, That the petition of the grocers in the city of New York, presented on the 19th December, 1816, be also referred to the same committee.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of William Taylor and Ezekiel Walker, stating that a cargo with which they had freighted a vessel, was seized and libelled in the year 1811, for a breach of the act prohibiting commercial intercourse with Great Britain and her dependencies, and that said libel hath never been tried, and praying that the same may be dismissed, and that the forfeiture alleged to be incurred, may be remitted.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a petition of Frederick Brown, late a captain in the army of the United States, stating that in consequence of the loss of his papers, which were stolen from a baggage wagon during the late war, he is unable to settle his accounts at the War Department, and praying that an act may be passed, authorizing a settlement, on such terms and evidence as the Secretary of War, may deem proper.

Mr. Palmer presented a similar petition from William S. Foster, a major in the army.

Ordered, That the said petitions, be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Palmer presented a petition of Joel Boyington, praying compensation for his house, which was essentially injured while occupied as barracks, for the troops of the United States, during the late war, and that he may be paid, the whole damages ascertained to have been committed, deducting the difference between the ordinary value of the rent for the time it was so occupied, and the amount actually received by him for rent,

Mr. Palmer also presented a petition of John Addoms, praying compensation for damages committed on his farm, by the troops of the United States, during the late war.

Mr. Palmer also presented a similar petition, of Luther Ransom.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Bloomfield presented a petition of Moses Porter, a brigadier general by brevet, in the army of the United States, and an officer in the revolutionary war, praying for the renewal of a land warrant, granted him, in consideration of his services in the latter capacity.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Ordered, That the petition of Gabriel Winter, presented on the 28th December, 1815, be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Pickaway county in the state of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual statements, relative to the internal duties and direct tax, as required by the 33d section of the act of the 22d of July, 1813, which were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana,

Resolved, That the President of the United States, be requested to lay before the House, such information as he may possess, and which, in his opinion, may be communicated with safety to the public interest, relative to the independence and political condition of the provinces of Spanish America.

Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Bayley, were appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Seybert,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency, of revising and amending certain acts, concerning the Mint establishment of the United States, and that they have leave to report by bill.

Mr. Seybert, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Irving, New York, were appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

The House then proceeded by ballot, to the election of a chaplain to Congress, on their part, and upon an examination, it appeared that the Reverend Burgiss Allison, was duly elected.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an account of the receipts and expenditures of the United States, for the year 1815, which were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Comstock,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And the House adjourned.

MONDAY, December 8, 1817.

Several other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, Jonathan Mason; from Virginia, Archibald Austin and John Floyd; and from Ohio, Peter Hitchcock, appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats; the oath to support the constitution of the United States, being first administered to them by the Speaker.

Nathaniel Pope, from the Illinois Territory, and John Scott, from the Territory of Missouri, having also appeared, and produced their credentials, as delegates, to represent the said territories, in the Fifteenth Congress of the United States, the said oath was administered to them by the Speaker, when they took their seats.

On motion of Mr. Sampson,

Ordered, That the petition of Seth Sprague, presented on the 18th February, 1817, be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Crafts presented a petition of John Hadley, praying for a pension.

Mr. Colston presented a petition of John Thompson, praying to be allowed the interest on the balance found due and paid to him, in virtue of an act for his relief, passed in the year 1812.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, presented a petition of Robert Smith, on behalf of himself and the other children of Robert Smith, deceased, praying compensation for the services of the said deceased, as sergeant, in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Williams also presented a petition of Charles Smith, praying compensation for his services, as a soldier, in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Campbell presented a petition of John Dougherty, praying for a pension.

The Speaker presented a petition of Francis Marcell, late a soldier in the army, praying to be allowed his bounty, in land, which is withheld, in consequence of an error, in omitting the word "*honorable*," in his discharge.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Silsbee,

Ordered, That the petition of Peter C. Tupper, by William Gray, his attorney, presented on the 8th January, 1817, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Ballard Smith,

Ordered, That the petition of John W. Godfrey, presented on the 9th December, 1816, be also referred to the same committee.

Mr. Shaw presented a petition of John Burghart, praying that provision may be made for the adjustment of the accounts of his son, Adolphus Burghart, who was a lieutenant in the army, and killed in the battle near the Falls of Niagara, in Upper Canada, in which action his baggage, containing his accounts and vouchers, was lost.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Merrill presented a petition of Rufus Deland, father and heir at law of Alvord Deland, deceased, late a corporal in the army of the United States, praying for a grant of the bounty land to which his son was entitled in virtue of his enlistment, as a soldier, in the year 1812, together with the arrears of pay due at the time of his death, and a reimbursement of the expenses incurred for medicine and attendance on his said son, during a long and protracted illness, of which he died.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition of Jesse Lincoln, praying compensation for work done by him, and at his expense, on the public road, running from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the Ohio.

Mr. Ball presented a petition of William Henderson, praying compensation for houses, and other property, belonging to the petitioner, which were destroyed by the enemy during the late war with Great Britain, in consequence of their being in the occupation of the United States, as depots of military stores, and other public property.

Mr. Ball also presented a petition of William Gordon, praying compensation for a quantity of tobacco, which he deposited in the warehouse of the collector of the customs, for the port of Tappahannock, in Virginia; which warehouse, with the tobacco, was destroyed by the enemy, during the late war, in consequence of its being occupied as a deposit for military stores, by a military officer of the United States.

Mr. Settle presented a petition of Henry Davis, keeper of the jail of Rockingham county, in North Carolina, praying to be allowed his fees, for the taking and keeping, in his jail, of a certain Nathaniel Williams, who was liberated therefrom by an act of Congress,

passed during the last session, directing the discharge of the said Williams, without the payment of costs of suit or jailor's fees.

Mr. Marr presented a petition of William Clements, praying compensation for damages committed on his property, by troops of the United States.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of the legislature of the state of Louisiana, praying that such of the citizens and inhabitants of the said state, as suffered loss by the invasion of that state, by the British forces, in the late war, may be indemnified for such losses from the Treasury of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Crafts presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Vermont, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Thompson, presented on the 16th December, 1816, be referred to a Select committee.

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Savage, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Austin, and Mr. Heister, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Whiteside presented a petition of Mary Graeff, widow of Jacob Graeff, deceased, late a collector of direct taxes and internal duties, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying to be exonerated from the payment of the interest on a sum of money found due to the United States from her said husband, for the reasons stated in her petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. William Maclay, presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of iron, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that additional duties may be imposed on iron, and the manufactures of iron, imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of John Jones, praying to be permitted to change his location of a tract of land recently purchased of the United States, lying in the state of Ohio, having, through the mistake of persons employed by him to designate the said land, entered a tract different and distant from that which he intended to enter.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of James and Samuel Aikman, also praying to be permitted to retain a tract of land purchased of the United States, having, through the mistake of the surveyor, in marking the corners, entered a tract different from that on which they have settled and made valuable improvements.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of the ministers, elders, and sundry members, of the Christian Society, called "*Menonists*," in the state of Ohio, praying to be permitted to commute the fines which are or may be imposed on them, for non performance of military duty, into labor, on the public roads, highways, or other public improvements.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to the militia.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill authorizing the commutation of soldiers bounty lands, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee appointed on the petition of John Bate, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the relief of the said John Bate, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting his annual report upon the state of the finances; which were referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Rhea submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House, any information he may possess, and think proper to communicate, relative to the proceedings of certain persons who took possession of Amelia Island, at the mouth of St. Mary's river, near the boundary of the state of Georgia, in the summer of the present year, and made an establishment there: and also, any information he hath, and may think proper to communicate, relative to an establishment made at an earlier period, by persons of the same description, in the Gulf of Mexico, at a place called Galvezton, within the limits of the United States, as we contend, under the cession of Louisiana.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, moved to lay the said resolution on the table; which motion was rejected by the House.

The question was then taken to agree to the resolution, and passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Rhea and Mr. Beecher, were appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Forsyth,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making Darien, in the state of Georgia, a port of entry and delivery.

Mr. Ingham submitted the following joint resolution, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow, viz:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secreta-

ry of State be directed to distribute, copies of the laws of the United States, published by Bioren & Co. among the members of the present Congress, who may not have received the same, in pursuance of any former act or resolution of Congress.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing Joel Earwood to tranfer to other vacant lands, in the Jeffersonville district, any moneys he may have paid on the northeast quarter of section twenty-one, township six, and range nine in said district.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the resolution from the Senate for the admission of the state of Mississippi into the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said resolution be read a third time to day.

The said resolution was, accordingly, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 9, 1817.

Another member, to wit: Elias Earle, from the state of South Carolina, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him, by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Mason presented a petition of Jonathan Amory, jr. merchant of Boston, praying for the remission of the forfeiture incurred by him, as the surety of a certain George Scott, in a bond to await the issue of the trial of a certain ship, called the *Edward*, seized and libelled in the year 1810, for a breach of the acts prohibiting commercial intercourse with Great Britain.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of Benjamin Perry, praying compensation for services, rendered as Clerk to the board of principal assessors, for the state of Pennsylvania, appointed in pursuance of the act of the 9th of January, 1815.

Mr. Forney presented a petitition of Lemuel H. Osgood, a lieutenant in the army of the United States, praying that an act may be passed, authorizing the settlement of his public accounts, upon such terms as may be just and proper, having lost his accounts and vouchers in the battle of Oswego, during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, (Penn.)

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Lycoming county, in Pennsylvania, on behalf of John M'Connell, presented on 1st March, 1817, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Allen, of Vermont, presented a petition of John B. Joyall, stating that he is the proprietor of a toll bridge, across Missisquoi river, in the state of Vermont, which said bridge has been constantly used by the troops, and others in the public service, for many years, without his having received any compensation therefor, and praying that such allowance may be made him, for the use of his said bridge, as may appear reasonable and just.

Mr. Hugh Nelson presented a petition of William Gamble, praying compensation for services, rendered several years ago, in the capacity of an officer of the customs in the state of New York.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Petitions from the following named persons, were also referred to the committee of Claims, to wit:

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Vermont,

That of Paul Robinson, heretofore presented on the 2d of January, 1817.

On motion of Mr. Peter,

That of Daniel Renner and Nathaniel H. Heath, presented on the 12th December, 1816, and that of Mary Bruff, presented on the 30th December, 1816.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of North Carolina,

That of Jacob Greer, presented on the 14th December, 1815.

And on motion of Mr. Forney,

That of Frederick Stevelie, presented on the 9th December, 1816.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of the Dutchess County Slate Company, in the state of New York, praying that the ad valorem duties, at present imposed on imported slate, may be discontinued, and that specie payments may be imposed on the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Savage presented a petition of Joshua Foss, praying for a pension.

Mr. Barber, of Ohio, presented a petition of Mary Tucker, who states that her late husband, Joshua Tucker, died of disease, contracted while a soldier in the army of the United States, and that she is left without the means of subsistence for herself and children, and praying that some provision may be made for their maintenance.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Pleasants,

Ordered, That the petition of Henry Tatum, presented on the 20th December, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Ingham,

Ordered, That the petition of John M'Cauley, prize agent of the officers and crew of the United States brig Syren, presented

on the 3d January, 1816, be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Peter,

Ordered, That the petition of Catharine Young, presented on the 14th January, 1817, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Herbert,

Ordered, That the petition of the Columbian Insurance Company of Alexandria, presented on the 2d January, 1816, be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. M'Coy presented a petition of Peter Stone, and Mary his wife, stating, that since their marriage, which took place twenty eight years ago, they have had twenty children, nineteen of which are now living, that they are in indigent circumstances, and praying for a grant of waste and unappropriated public land.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Pleasants presented a petition of sundry inhabitants, of the counties of Powhatan, Cumberland, and Goochland, in the state of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Ballard Smith presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Virginia, residing on the waters of James river, Green Brier river, New river, Kenawha river, and Ohio river, praying for the aid and patronage of the general government, in opening a chain of inland communication by land and water, by which the waters of James river, may be connected with those falling into the Ohio river.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Rhea presented a petition of sundry inhabitants, of the state of Tennessee, praying for the establishment of a post office, in the neighborhood in which they reside.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Postmaster General.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of C. Hammond, contesting the election and return of Samuel Herrick, as a member of this House for the state of Ohio, on the ground, that, at the time of his election, and afterwards, he held an office under the government of the United States, and praying that the seat of the said Samuel Herrick may be vacated.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Elections.

Mr. Lowndes from the committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred so much of the President's message, as relates to revenue, made a report thereon, which was read: when

Mr. Lowndes reported a bill to abolish the internal duties, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Seybert, from the Select committee, appointed on the 5th instant, reported a bill, supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and to the act concerning the Mint; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole tomorrow.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee appointed on the 5th instant, to present to the President of the United States, the resolution adopted on that day, concerning the Spanish American provinces, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered that he would attend to the request contained in the resolution.

The following resolutions were submitted by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, which were read and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next, viz:

1. Resolved, That it is expedient to provide by law, for the widows of soldiers of the regular army, who were killed in battle, or died in service, during the late war with Great Britain.

2. Resolved, That it is expedient to provide by law, for the disbanded and deranged officers of the army of the United States, who served in the late war against Great Britain, by donations in land, viz: to a major general, 1280 acres; a brigadier general, 1120 acres; a colonel and lieutenant colonel, 960 acres each; a major, 800 acres; a captain 640 acres; and subalterns, 480 acres.

3. Resolved, That it is expedient to establish by law, three additional military academies, viz: one in the vicinity of Fort Dearborn in South Carolina; one in the vicinity of Newport in Kentucky; and one in the vicinity of Harper's Ferry in Virginia: one-third of the cadets to be the sons of the officers and soldiers of the late army, who died in the service of the United States, in the late war.

4. Resolved, That it is expedient to establish by law, an additional national armory, to be located on the western waters.

5. Resolved, That it is expedient to organize by law, a corps of invalids, to be composed of one thousand men.

6. Resolved, That it is expedient to provide by law, for the repeal of so much of an act of Congress of the sixth of July, 1812, as authorizes additional pay and emoluments to brevet rank, in the armies of the United States.

7. Resolved, That the military peace establishment of the United States shall consist of eight thousand men, including the corps of invalids; provided, that the corps of engineers, the general staff, and the ordnance department, shall be retained as at present established. And provided also, that no part of the army shall be disbanded, in consequence of said reduction; but the same shall be effected by permitting vacancies, as they occur, to remain.

8. Resolved, That it is expedient to provide by law, for one additional ration, for each of the commissioned officers of the army of the United States.

9. Resolved, That the committee on the subject of military affairs, be instructed to report bills, embracing the objects of the beforementioned resolutions.

On motion of Mr. Tucker, of Virginia,

Resolved, That the President of the United States, be requested to cause to be laid before the House of Representatives, information of what roads have been made, or are in progress under the executive authority of the United States: the states and territories through which they pass, or are intended to pass: the periods when they were ordered to be made, and how far they have been executed.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, and Mr. Storrs, were appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War, be directed to communicate to this House, the number of warrants for military bounty lands, issued by virtue of any laws passed by Congress, to soldiers, who served during the late war against Great Britain; the quantity of land included in these warrants, and the probable quantity of land which will yet be necessary, to satisfy the claims for bounty lands under those laws.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from Richard Bland Lee, Commissioner of Claims under the act of the 9th of April, 1816, communicating "reports of the facts," in the cases of Thaddeus Mayhew, of Louisiana, of William Eadus, of New York, and of the executor of Mrs. George Thompson, deceased, of Virginia, which were referred to the committee of Claims.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Walker, of North Carolina, which was read and committed to the committee of the whole, to which was this day committed sundry resolutions, moved by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky:

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide by law, that all minors who were regularly enlisted in the late or present army of the United States, and who served twelve months or upwards, and having been honorably discharged, shall be entitled to an adequate bounty in land, or a commutation for such bounty, in money.

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the apprehending and securing foreign seamen, deserting from foreign merchant vessels, while in the ports of the United States, contrary to their engagement to serve on board such vessels.

On motion of Mr. Clairborne,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law, an office for the payment of pensions and revolutionary claims, within the district of West Tennessee.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of exempting from taxation, the military bounty lands, in the territories of Illinois and Missouri, for five years after the patents therefor shall have been issued.

On motion of Mr. Ingham,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route, from Fort Montgomery in Monroe county, in the territory of Alabama, to Blakeley in Mobile county.

On motion of Mr. M'Coy,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the law, laying a duty on imported salt, granting a bounty on pickled fish, exported, and allowances to certain vessels employed in the fisheries.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Vermont,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road, from Burlington to Craftsburg, thence through Irasburgh to Barton, in the state of Vermont.

On motion of Mr. Clairborne,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what alteration or amendments are necessary to be made in the judiciary.

The engrossed resolution, directing a distribution of certain laws, among the members of the Fifteenth Congress, was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 10, 1817.

Mr. Adams presented a petition of William Warren, praying for an increase of the pension, heretofore granted to him.

Mr. Adams, also presented a petition of Gustavus Aldrich.

Mr. Morton presented petitions from Jethro Randall, and Ebenezer Stetson.

Mr. Walker, of Kentucky, presented petitions from Elisha Hadden, and Samuel Gordon, respectively, praying for pensions.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of William Guillian, praying for a grant of the land, due for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. M'Coy,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Black, presented on the 18th of December, 1815, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of the Tuscarora tribe of In-

dians, praying compensation for a house built and occupied by them, as a place of public worship, which house was destroyed by the British forces, during the late war, in consequence of the adherence of that tribe of Indians to the United States; or that the said house may be rebuilt, at the expense of the United States; which was referred to a Select committee; and,

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Morton, and Mr. New, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Thomas Fletcher, Sidney Gardner, John Stoddart, and Rufus Tyler, proprietors of a new and useful improvement, for making screws of wire, commonly called "wood screws," at one operation, praying that such specific duties may be imposed on wood screws, imported from foreign countries, as will enable the petitioners to carry on their manufacture.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Tyler presented a petition of Richard Jeffries, clerk of the circuit and district courts of the United States, held at Richmond in the state of Virginia, praying that provision may be made, authorizing him to rent a house for the purpose of an office, or that a house may be erected for that purpose.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of John M'Donnell, of Detroit, in the territory of Michigan, praying compensation for loss of landed and other property, in Upper Canada, occasioned by his adherence to the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, and a reimbursment of his expenses, in redeeming American citizens from captivity, among the Indians, during the said war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Wendover,

Ordered, That the petition of Miller and Baker, presented on the 15th of March, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Anderson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Luke Hoff, praying to be relieved from the payment of the duties, imposed on his distillery, as he was unable to use the same, in consequence of the failure of the waters in the neighborhood.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Pope,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Illinois, concerning land titles, confirmed by former governors of the north western territories, presented on the 14th January, 1817, and the petition of sundry inhabitants of Prarie du Chien, presented on the 24th January, 1817, be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented sundry documents in support of the petition of Gabriel Winter, which were also referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the river Raisin, presented on the 6th February, 1817, be referred to a Select committee; and,

Mr. Harrison, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Baldwin, were appointed the said committee.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means. be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of the grocers of New York, of sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania, and of the retailers in Bath, in the District of Maine, and that they lie on the table; also, from the further consideration of the petition of Joshua Clarke, and that it be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Newton, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, reported a bill, to remit the duty on a painting, presented to the Pennsylvania Hospital; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Forsyth,

Resolved. That the committee of Elections, be instructed to inquire and report, what persons elected, to serve in the House of Representatives, in the Fifteenth Congress, have accepted or held offices. under the government of the United States, since the 4th of March, 1817; and how far the right to a seat in this House, is affected thereby.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from Richard Bland Lee, Commissioner of Claims, under the act of the 9th of April, 1816, communicating "reports of the facts," in the cases of William T. Nimmo, Joseph Janney, Lawrence Muse, and William Gordon, William Henderson, and Mottram Ball, all of the state of Virginia, of John I. Pattison, Benjamin H. Mackall, John Manning, John G. Mackall, Mary Frazier, levy court of Calvert county, and John Ireland, all of the state of Maryland, with the evidence accompanying each, which were referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of State, enclosing reports upon the petitions of Winslow and Henry Lewis, and Joseph Forrest, referred to him at the last session of Congress, which were referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Speed, from the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined an enrolled resolution, "authorizing the admission of the state of Mississippi into the Union," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

Mr. Speaker, signed the said resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk, acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to abolish the internal duties, and after some time spent

therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the same without amendment.

The said bill was then amended at the Clerk's table, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing an account of the fund appropriated for the safe keeping and accommodation of prisoners of war, conformably to the provisions of the act of the 3d of March, 1817, which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee of Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had, on this day, presented to the President of the United States, the enrolled resolution "authorizing the admission of the state of Mississippi into the Union."

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 11, 1817.

On motion of Mr. Parris,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Tucker, presented on the 18th of March, 1816, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Andrew S. M'Girk, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be also referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Ruggles presented a petition of Benjamin Berry, stating that he was employed with his vessel, by the collector of the port of Machias, in the year 1813, in the transportation to Machias of sundry goods and military stores, saved from the British ship of war "Diligent," wrecked near that place, for which he has not received the compensation promised, and praying to be paid the same, together with interest thereon.

Mr. Bennett presented a petition of Nimrod Woodward, praying compensation for the use of, and damages committed on his farm and buildings, by troops in the service of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Peter presented a petition of Andrew Joseph Villard, of the City of Washington, praying compensation for property belonging to him, destroyed in the public buildings, by order of an officer of the ordnance department, in the year 1814.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Moseley,

Ordered, That the petitions of Stephen Alling, presented on the 18th December, 1807, and the 3d December, 1811, be referred to the committee on so much of the President's message, as relates to the surviving officers and soldiers, of the revolutionary army.

Mr. M'Coy presented a petition of Polly Potter, widow of

John Potter, who died of disease, contracted while performing a tour of militia duty, in the service of the United States, praying that provision may be made, for the support of herself, and the children of the deceased.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on so much of the President's message, as relates to the Militia.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Christian Fenter, praying a confirmation of his title, to a tract of land in the territory of Missouri.

Mr. Scott, also presented a petition of the heirs of William Reed, deceased, by Thomas Tucker, Mark Manning, and Levi Hagen, praying that additional lands may be granted to them, to make up a deficiency, existing in the quantity heretofore confirmed to them, by the board of land commissioners, in the territory of Missouri.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Parris,

Ordered, That the petitions of Thomas Malone, presented on the 12th January, 1816, John Johnson, presented on the 10th February, 1817, and Josiah Carney, and John Flood M'Grew, presented on the 14th January, 1817, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Ordered, That the petition of the heirs of Dominick Robert, presented on the 3d March, 1817, be also referred to the same committee.

Ordered, That the committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Gabriel Winter, and that it be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Parris,

Resolved, That the committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the rank and emoluments of surgeons in the navy of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the establishment of land offices, for the sale of the public lands in the Missouri territory, at the following places; at the town of Arkansas, in the county of Arkansas; at the town of Jackson, in the county of Cape Girardeau; at the seat of Justice, in the county of Lawrence, and at the seat of Justice, in the county of Howard.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts,

Resolved, That the committee on so much of the President's message, as relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning, be instructed to inquire into the expediency, of providing by law, for constructing a navigable canal, to unite the waters of Lake Michigan, with the waters of the Mississippi.

Resolved, That the same committee be instructed to inquire in-

to the expediency, of providing by law, for constructing a navigable canal, to unite the waters of Tennessee river, with the waters of the Tombigbee.

Resolved, That the same committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for improving the navigation of the Tennessee river,

On motion of Mr. Sampson,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road, direct from the east parish of Bridgewater, through Halifax, Plympton, and Kingston, to Plymouth in Massachusetts.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing William Samuel, of Harrison county, in the state of Indiana, on the pension list.

Resolved, That the same committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing James Andrew, of the county of Orange, and state of Indiana, on the pension list.

Mr. Bassett submitted the following proposition of amendment to the standing rules and orders, which was read and laid on the table until to-morrow.

When any motion or proposition is made, the question, "*Will the House now consider it?*" *shall not be put unless it is demanded by some member, or is deemed necessary by the Speaker.*

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Resolved, That the committee of Accounts inquire into the manner in which the contractor performs his engagement for printing and for stationery to this House; and report thereon.

On motion of Mr. Forsyth,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this House, the account of the sums awarded to the different claimants, by the commissioner, under the act, entitled "An act, authorizing the payment for property lost, captured or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," passed the 9th of April, 1816; and the Act to amend the said act, passed the 3d of March, 1817, the species of property for which they were respectively awarded, distinguishing what sums have been paid, and the causes which delay or prevent the payment of the residue.

On motion of Mr. Marr,

Resolved, That the Military committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency, of making provision for such officers and soldiers of the militia, as have become disabled in consequence of diseases, contracted while in the service of the United States, and for the widows and orphans of those officers and soldiers, who, from like causes, have died since their return home.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what legal provisions are necessary to prescribe the effect which the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of each state, shall have in the courts of every other state. And that the same committee, be also directed to inquire, whether any, and if any, what further provisions by law are necessary to insure a more prompt publication of the laws of the United States, and a more speedy and general distribution of them throughout the Union.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House, a return of the present strength of the army of the United States, with the distribution thereof among the several military posts, which it is designed to protect; together with any information which he may be able to afford, respecting the competency of such force to preserve and defend the fortifications among which it is distributed, and to aid in constructing and to defend such other military works, if any, as it may be in the contemplation of the government to erect for the more effectual security of the United States, and of the several territories thereof.

Mr. Mercer and Mr. Shaw were appointed a committee, to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the claims of certain detachments of the militia of Georgia, for services performed in the defence of that state, during the years 1793, and 1794, by order from the executive of that state, under a discretionary power communicated by the War Department; with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Cobb, Mr. Alexander Smyth, Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, Mr. Terrill, Mr. Mason, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Earle, were appointed a committee pursuant to the foregoing resolution.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be directed to inquire whether any, and if any, what amendments, are necessary to the act, entitled "An act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage."

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to abolish the internal duties," was read the third time;

And on the question, shall the bill pass?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....161, Nays.....5.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,
Adams,
Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *Vt.*
Anderson, *Pen.*
Anderson, *Ken.*
Austin,
Ball,
Barbour, *Vir.*
Barber, *Ohio,*
Bassett,
Bateman,
Bayley,
Beecher,
Bellinger,
Bennett,
Bloomfield,
Blount,
Boden,
Boss,
Burwell,
Butler,
Campbell,
Clagett,
Claiborne,
Cobb,
Colston,
Comstock,
Cook,
Crafts,
Crawford,
Cruger,
Culbreth,
Cushman,
Darlington,
Desha,
Drake,
Earle,
Edwards,
Ellicott,
Floyd,
Folger,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Gage,
Garnett,
Goodwyn,
Hale,
Hall, *N. C.*
Harrison,
Hasbrouck,
Hendricks,
Mr. Herbert,
Herkimer,
Herrick,
Hiester,
Hitchcock,
Hogg,
Holmes, *Mass.*
Holmes, *Con.*
Hubbard,
Hunter,
Huntingdon,
Ingham,
Irving, *N. Y.*
Johnson, *Va.*
Johnson, *Ken.*
Jones,
Kinsey,
Kirtland,
Lawyer,
Lewis,
Linn,
Little,
Livermore,
Lowndes,
M'Lane,
W. Maclay,
W. P. Maclay,
M'Coy,
Marchand,
Marr,
Mason, *Mass.*
Mercer,
Merrill,
Miller,
Moore,
Morton,
Moseley,
Mumford,
Murray,
H. Nelson,
T. M. Nelson,
Nesbitt,
New,
Newton,
Orr,
Owen,
Palmer,
Parris,
Parrott,
Patterson,
Pawling,
Peter,
Mr. Pindall,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Quarles,
Reed,
Rhea,
Rich,
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Ringgold,
Robertson, *Ken.*
Robertson, *Lou.*
Ruggles,
Sampson,
Savage,
Sawyer,
Scudder,
Sergeant,
Settle,
Seybert,
Shaw,
Sherwood,
Slocumb,
S. Smith,
Bal. Smith,
Alex. Smyth,
J. S. Smith,
Southard,
Spangler,
Speed,
Spencer,
Strong,
Strother,
Stuart,
Tallmadge,
Tarr,
Taylor,
Terrell,
Terry,
Tompkins,
Townsend,
Trimble,
Tucker, *Va.*
Tucker, *S. C.*
Tyler,
Upham,
Walker, *N. C.*
Walker, *Ken.*
Wallace,
Wendover,
Westerlo,
Whiteside,
Whitman,

Mr. Williams, *Con.*	Mr. Williams, *N. C.*	Mr. Wilson, *Pen.*	161.
Williams, *N. Y.*	Wilkin,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Middleton,	Mr. Storrs,	5.
Hopkinson,	Jer. Nelson,		

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed the reverend William Hawley, a chaplain to Congress on their part; and they have received official information, that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign the resolution authorizing the admission of the state of Mississippi into the Union. And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and the act concerning the Mint; and after some time spent thereon, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported the same, with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 12, 1817.

Mr. Adams presented a petition of Lemuel Briggs, praying for a pension.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of James Price, only son and heir of James Price, deceased, a merchant at Montreal, in the British province of Canada, at the commencement of the revolutionary war, stating, that whilst his said father acted as deputy commissary general to the American forces in Canada, he contracted many debts on public account, which he was afterwards compelled to pay; that he never received any compensation for his services; that in consequence of his attachment to, and exertions in, the cause of the United States, his property to a large amount, was confiscated by the British government; and that he advanced a large sum of money to general Gates, for the use of the American army, which has never been returned to him; and that he sustained many other and heavy losses in his exertions, in the cause of his adopted country; and praying that the case may be taken into consideration, and such relief granted him as Congress may think just and proper.

Mr. Hendricks presented documents in support of the applications of William Samuel, and James Andrew, for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions and documents be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Folger presented a petition of Richard Mitchell, jr. Alex-

Mr. Parris, from the committee appointed on the petition of Noah Miller, made a report thereon, which was read; when

Mr. Parris reported a bill for the relief of the said Noah Miller, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to the surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army, reported a bill to provide for certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Tuesday next.

The House proceeded to consider the proposition submitted yesterday by Mr. Bassett, to amend the standing rules and orders of the House; and the same being again read, was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire what further provisions are necessary in the existing laws for the more effectual prevention of frauds by purchasers of public lands.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making further provisions by law, for the final adjustment of land claims in the Missouri Territory.

On motion of Mr. Moore,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting an extra compensation to the post master in Beavertown, Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. M'Lane.

Resolved, That the committee on so much of the President's message as relates to roads, canals, and seminaries of learning, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, to subscribe for stock in the company incorporated under the name and style of "The Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company," or in any other company now, or hereafter to be incorporated, for similar purposes, to be paid for, by the appropriation of public lands, or by any surplus money in the Treasury of the United States.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting his report on the petitions of Antoine Bienvenue, Peter La Coste and Jacques Villere; which were referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a report of the Secretary of War, of the number of warrants for military bounty lands, issued by virtue of acts, passed for that purpose, to soldiers who served during the late war, with the quantity of land included in such warrants; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, containing, in obedience to the 16th section

of the act, incorporating the Bank of the United States, his reasons for not transferring the deposites of the public moneys in certain places, to the said bank or its branches; which letter was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of William Taylor and Ezekiel Walker, which was referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and the act concerning the Mint," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of John Bate; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wilkin reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill authorizing the commutation of soldiers' bounty lands, be discharged from the consideration of the same, and that it be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed sundry resolutions moved by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, on the 9th instant.

On the motion of Mr. Newton,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next;

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, December 15, 1817.

Two other members, to wit: from Pennsylvania, John Ross, and from Mississippi, George Poindexter, appeared, produced their credentials and took their seats; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker.

Ordered, That Mr. Herrick, have leave of absence until Friday next.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Essex county, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that the act imposing duties on imported salt, may be repealed; or that the act granting a bounty to vessels employed in the fisheries, may be so altered or modified, as that the bounty on small vessels may be equal, per ton, to the bounty granted to large vessels.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of Purley Keyes, on behalf of himself and Jason Fairbanks of Watertown, Jefferson county, state of New York, stating that they became the sureties of a certain Samuel Whittlesey, a paymaster of militia in the service of the

United States, in the penal sum of fifteen thousand dollars; that they detected the said Whittlesey, in an attempt to defraud the United States of the sum of thirty-six thousand dollars, and recovered of him thirty-two thousand dollars thereof, which they paid over to the proper authority, and praying, in consideration of their exertions in doing so, that such relief may be granted them, as Congress may think just and proper.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of Chales F. Kalkman, merchant of Baltimore, stating that by accidents, losses, and misfortunes, he has become insolvent, and unable to pay his obligations to the United States, for the payment of duties, and praying that his person may be exempted from confinement; and that he may be allowed further time to pay the said obligations.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Richards presented a petition of Abraham Byington, praying to be released from the payment of his notes, given to satisfy a judgment obtained against him, as the surety of a certain Robert Gilmore, who was a deputy postmaster, in the town of Rockingham, in the state of Vermont.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of Elias Parks, praying compensation for a large quantity of goods, wares, and merchandise, which were destroyed by the British forces upon their capture of Oswego, during the late war, as he was unable to remove the same to a place of safety, in consequence of the impressment of his means of transportation, into the service of the troops of the United States.

Mr. Garnett presented a petition of John Haile, collector of the customs of the district of Tappahannock, in the state of Virginia, praying compensation for his house, which was destroyed by the British forces, in the late war, in consequence of its being occupied as a custom house.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of John Anderson, praying compensation for his house situated in Detroit, which was destroyed whilst in the occupancy of a detachment of the army of General Harrison, during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Boss presented a petition of the cotton and woollen manufacturers residing in Providence and its vicinity, in the state of Rhode Island, praying that the duties at present imposed on imported cotton and woollen goods may be rendered permanent, and that provisions may be made more effectually to prevent evasions of the payment of said duties; and that such further measures may be adopted for the security and promotion of American manufactures, as Congress may deem proper and expedient.

Mr. Bloomfield presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Burlington and Gloucester, in the state of New Jersey, praying that additional duties may be imposed on the various species of iron imported into the United States.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of the merchants and traders in the city of New York, praying that a duty of not less than 10 per centum may be imposed on sales at auction, of foreign merchandise; and that additional provisions may be enacted to secure the payment thereof, as well as of the import duties, to prevent frauds, and to secure the petitioners and other honest and fair dealers a due participation of the benefits arising out of the foreign commerce of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Ingham presented a petition of Allan M'Lane, an officer of the revolutionary army, praying that a settlement of his accounts for services rendered in the capacity aforesaid, may be authorized, and that such sum as may be found due may be paid him.

Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, presented a petition of Mary Sullivan, praying compensation for property taken from her, for public use, during the revolutionary war.

Mr. Thomas M. Nelson presented a petition of Daniel Fisher, praying for a pension.

Mr. Johnson, of Virginia, presented a petition of Thomas Bailey, also praying for a pension.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, presented a petition of Dennis Offerrals, praying for an increase of pension heretofore granted to him.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, also presented a petition of Nathaniel Henry, praying for arrearages of pension.

Mr. Tucker, of South Carolina, presented a petition of Benjamin Buckhannan, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Darlington presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of West Chester, in the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Pittsburg, and the neighboring towns, in the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Shenandoah, Culpepper, and Fauquier, in the state of Virginia.

Mr. Pleasants presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the counties of Powhatan, Cumberland and Goochland, in the state of Virginia; which petitions respectively pray for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a letter addressed to him as Chairman of the committee on the Public Lands, respecting islands in the various rivers flowing through the public lands; which letter was referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana.

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the western land district, in the state of Louisiana, presented on the 21st of

February, 1817, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of John Dougherty, a petition of Joseph Smith and John Weaver, for themselves and the heirs of John M'Culloch, deceased, and a petition from John Shephard, respectively praying for confirmation of their titles to lands lying in the territory of Missouri.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Ordered, That Aaron Bellamy have leave to withdraw his petition and documents, presented at the last session.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petitions of John M'Connell and Luke Hoff; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Daniel Evans and Richard G. Morris; which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the farther consideration of the petitions of William Guilliam, Francis Marcell, and John Hadley, and that they be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Williams, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Winslow and Henry Lewis, which was read; when

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of the said Winslow and Henry Lewis; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, from the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to roads, canals, and seminaries of learning, made a report, in part, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole House on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Comstock,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of providing by law for the payment to Sylvanus Townsend, of two loan office certificates, issued by virtue of a resolution of Congress, passed on the 3d of February, 1779.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the exercise of the right of expatriation; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise; and,

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Floyd, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of providing, more effectually, by law, for reclaiming ser-

vants and slaves, escaping from one state into another; and that the said committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise; and,

Mr. Pindall, Mr. Beecher, and Mr. Anderson, of Kentucky, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be, and they are hereby, instructed to inquire into the expediency of continuing the pensions which now are, or have been heretofore, allowed to the widows and orphans of the officers and soldiers, who were killed or who died in the service in the late war, for a term of five years beyond the periods at which they shall respectively cease under the existing laws.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Vermont,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the payment to the present holder, of the amount of a loan office certificate, No. 9948, signed by Samuel Hillegas, and countersigned by J. Lawence, and bearing date January 10th, 1780; which certificate has never been paid.

On motion of Mr. Barber, of Ohio,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Marietta to Lancaster, in the state of Ohio, by the route passing through Oliver's Settlement, on the head waters of Wolf creek.

Resolved, That the same committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Warren, by Parkman and Burton, to Painesville, in the state of Ohio.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, which was read, and is as follows:

"*To the House of Representatives of the United States.*

"IN compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 8th of this month, I transmit, for the information of the House, a report from the Secretary of State, with the documents referred to in it, containing all the information in the possession of the executive, which it is proper to disclose, relative to certain persons who lately took possession of Amelia Island, and Galvezton.

"JAMES MONROE.

"*Washington, December* 15, 1817."

Ordered, That the said message and documents lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of John Bate, be discharged from a farther consideration of the same, and that the said bill do lie on the table; and that the petition and documents of the said John Bate be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill authorizing the commutation of soldiers' bounty lands; and after

some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee had made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 16, 1817.

Mr. Moseley presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of Connecticut.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of New York.

Mr. Bloomfield presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of New Jersey.

Mr. William P. Maclay, and Mr. Sergeant, respectively presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania; which petitions, respectively pray, that additional duties may be imposed on pig iron, castings, and bar iron, imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Whiteside presented a petition of Juliana Thackara, praying for a grant of the bounty land, due for the services of her late husband, as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, presented a petition of Matthew M'Cauley, praying to be paid the amount of a certificate, issued to him by a quarter master in the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Herbert,

Ordered, That the petition of the levy court of the county of Alexandria, presented on the 31st December, 1816, be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Joseph Boring, and Jesse Blackwell, and a petition of Parfait Dufour, and Rene La Meineur, respectively, praying for confirmations of their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Ordered, That the report made on the 1st March, 1817, by the committee on the Expenditures in the War Department, concerning a contract entered into with the War Department, for the supply of arms by Elias Earle, be referred to the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the committee on Militia Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Polly Potter, and that the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Richard Jeffries, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Joseph Forrest, which was read; and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner, ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Herbert, from the committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill to incorporate the Columbian Insurance Company of Alexandria, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Rhea,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of suspending for one year, so much of the act, entitled "An act making further provision for the support of the public credit, and for the redemption of the public debt," passed the third day of March, 1795, as bars from settlement or allowance, certificates, commonly called loan office, and final settlement certificates, and indents of interest.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the better regulating the leasing, and working the public lead mines, belonging to the United States, in the Missouri territory, in such a manner as to protect the lessees in the quiet enjoyment of their leases, and to enable the government to collect its rents.

Resolved, That the said committee be also instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the leasing and working the Salines, belonging to the United States, in the Missouri territory, or such part thereof, as it shall be deemed advisable, to put into operation for public use.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road, from Norfolk in Virginia, by the Great Falls of the Roanoake, in North Carolina, and through the town of Danville in Virginia, to the state of Tennessee.

Mr. Comstock presented documents in support of the claim of Sylvanus Townsend, for payment of a loan office certificate, which were referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be directed to inquire into the expediency of continuing the pensions, granted to invalids of the army, who served in the late war, in case of their decease before the expiration of the term of five years, from the time of granting the same, to the widow or children of such deceased invalid, if any he has left, or shall leave, to the end of the said term.

On motion of Mr. Alexander Smyth,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Henry Leonard, a soldier in the militia, who had his right arm disabled by the accidental discharge of a musket, while in the service of the United States, at Norfolk, on the list of pensioners.

On motion of Mr. Alexander Smyth,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of estsblishing a post road from Abingdon, to Russell court house in Virginia, and a post office at the said court house.

On motion of Mr. Wendover,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of altering the flag of the United States; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise; and,

Mr. Wendover, Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, Mr. Newton, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Poindexter, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road, from Hartford to the Rising Sun; both places in Dearborn county, and state of Indiana.

On motion of Tallmadge,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to communicate to this House, a copy of the account of M. M. Noah, late cousul of the United States, at Tunis, and a copy of any instructions given to him by the Department of State, respecting the ransom of prisoners at Algiers; and any information in his department relative to the application, by M. M. Noah, of any moneys in his hands, as such consul.

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the third section of an act, entitled "An act to establish a separate territorial government for the eastern part of the Mississippi territory," as requires "that no judge shall set more than twice in succession, in the same court;" and also so much of the said section as requires more than *one* general court to be holden in each year, at the seat of government of said territory.

On motion of Mr. Sergeant,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be, and he hereby is, directed to procure, for the use of the House, three copies of Dallas' reports, three copies of Cranch's reports, and three copies of Wheaton's reports.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Bassett:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the daily compensation of the members of the Senate and House of Represen-

tatives, and delegates from territories, shall (until further provided for by law) be the same as in the year 1813.

The said resolution was read; and on the question, will the House *now* proceed to consider the same?

It was determined in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to abolish the Internal Duties," with amendments, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill authorizing the commutation of soldiers bounty lands; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had made farther progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 17, 1817.

Another member, to wit: from North Carolina, Joseph H. Bryan, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat; the oath to support the constitution of the United States, being first administered to him, by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of James Warren, praying compensation for services rendered as an officer in the navy of the United States, during the revolutionary war.

Mr. William Maclay presented a petition of Robert Young, praying for a grant of the land to which he is entitled, for services rendered as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of Thomas Orrell, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Savage,

Ordered, That the petition of John M'Crea and Harvey Wake field, presented on the 9th December, 1816, be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Southard presented a petition of Joseph Wheaton, praying that his account for whiskey, furnished the navy, in 1812, may be audited and settled, and that he may be allowed the contract price for the whiskey, so furnished.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Lebanon, in Madison county, and state of New York; and,

Mr. Burwell presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Bedford, Franklin, and Pittsylvania; which petitions respectively pray for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Ballard Smith presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the country bordering on James river, Green Brier river, New river, Kenawha river, and the Ohio river, in the state of Virginia, praying to the same effect with the petition of other inhabitants residing on the said rivers, presented by Mr. Smith, on the 9th instant.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the committee on the subject of Roads and Canals.

Mr. Robertson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of William M'Intosh, praying permission to remove a location of a mill seat belonging to him, which, by a recent resurvey, has been excluded from his tract.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of the convention convened in the town of Washington, to form a constitution and state government for the western part of the Mississippi territory, praying for an extension of the limits of the state of Mississippi; which petition was ordered to be referred to a Select committee; and,

Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Speed, Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, Mr. Claiborne, and Mr. Cobb, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Poindexter also presented petitions of Absalom Sizemoor, Samuel Fisher, Benjamin Fisher, Daniel Randon, Samuel Smith, John Burford, and Richard Turvin, Lachlan Durant, George Stiggins, William Sizemoor, Surmie M'Gee, Leonard M'Gee, Elijah Tervin, James Earle, Hardy Reed, William Tuley, Charles Elliott, James Cornells, and Arthur Sizemoor, half blood Creek Indians, praying that their respective titles to lands in the territory of Alabama, may be confirmed in fee simple.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That the petition of Margaret Powell, and Patsy Dyer, the petition of Arthur Sizemoor, Mary Sizemoor, and Peggy Bailey, presented on the 2d January, 1817, and the petition of William Daniel, presented the 13th January, 1816, be also referred to the same committee.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee appointed on the 12th instant, to present to the President of the United States, the resolution that day adopted concerning the members of this House, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered that he would attend to the request contained in the resolution.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill for the relief of Samuel Aikman, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson also reported a bill for the relief of Joel Earwood, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee last appointed.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of claims, made a report on the case of John G. Mackall, which was read; and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner, ought *not* to be granted.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting his report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Detroit, in the territory of Michigan, referred to him on the 6th of February, 1817, which were referred to the committee appointed on the 10th instant, on the petition from sundry inhabitants on the river Raisin, in the said territory.

Ordered, That Mr. Barber, of Ohio, Mr. Marr, Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Colston, be added to the lastmentioned committee.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the estimates of the sums, necessary to be appropriated for the service of the year 1818, which were referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what provisions are necessary to give effect to the laws of the United States, within the state of Mississippi.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the pay of the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and delegates from territories of the United States; and that the said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Anderson, of Kentucky, Mr. Moore, Mr. Storrs, Mr. Abbott, and Mr. Newton, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency, of causing offices to be erected, for the safe keeping of the records, papers and documents of the several district courts of the United States, at or near the places of holding said courts respectively.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby instructed to report to this House, the amount of the pensions, which have been granted, to the widows and orphans of deceased officers and

soldiers of the late war, specifying the number of each grade of officers to whose widows or children the pensions have been granted.

On motion of Mr. Seargent,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the judges of the district courts, in the several districts, and the judges of the supreme court of the United States, within their respective circuits, to supply any vacancies that may have happened, by reason of the death, resignation or disability of the general commissioners of bankruptcy, appointed by the President under the authority of the act, entitled "An act to amend the judicial system of the United States," where the same may be necessary to complete the execution of any pending commission of bankruptcy.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution "Authorizing the distribution of certain public documents;" and they have also passed the resolution "Directing a distribution of certain laws, among the members of the Fifteenth Congres," with amendments, in which resolution and amendments, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The resolution authorizing the distribution of certain public documents, was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The resolution was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

The amendments to the resolution, directing a distribution of certain laws among the members of the Fifteenth Congress, were read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to abolish the internal duties," were read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk also acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill authorizing the commutation of soldiers' bounty lands; and after some time spent thereon, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had made further progress in the said bill, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 18, 1817.

Mr. Shaw presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of cotton and woollen goods, in Berkshire county, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that further measures may be adopted for the security and encouragement of domestic manufactures.

Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. William P. Maclay, and Mr. Whiteside, respectively presented petitions from inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying that additional duties may be imposed on foreign iron imported into the United States.

Mr. Bayley presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester, in the state of Maryland, praying that a light house may be erected at some suitable point on the Tangier Islands, or on the main land.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Hunter presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Springfield, in the state of Massachusetts, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Portage and Granger, in the state of Ohio, also praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Hunter,

Ordered, That the petition of Levi Bellows, presented on the 24th February, 1817, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Hopkinson,

Ordered, That the petition of George Simpson, presented on the 24th December, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of Charles Wirgman, merchant of Baltimore, praying that certain duties paid by him, on a quantity of copper, imported from England, may be refunded, as the supreme court have decreed, that such copper was not subject to import duties, at the time of his importing the said copper.

Ordered, That the said petition be also referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Comstock presented a petition of Benjamin S. Judah, praying to be paid the amount of a quartermaster's certificate, issued for services rendered in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Austin presented a petition of John Starkey, praying for a pension.

Mr. Poindexter presented documents in support of the application of Thomas Orrell for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions and documents be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hopkinson,

Ordered, That the petition of Sarah Dewees and others, presented on the 18th December, 1816, be referred to the last mentioned committee.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of James Hardie, praying for a grant of the bounty land, to which he conceives himself entitled, for services as a soldier in the army in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of Daniel Seward, stating that he purchased a tract of land of the United States, lying in the state of Ohio, and that a part of the said tract hath been taken from him by judicial process, and praying a reimbursement of the money paid for such part, together with the amount of his costs and other expenses in defending the same.

Mr. Pope presented a petition of Davis Whiteside, praying that his title to a tract of land in the Illinois territory may be confirmed.

Mr. Pope also presented a petition of Morris Birbeck, an English farmer, lately settled in the Illinois territory, praying to be allowed to purchase a considerable body of land in said territory, for the purpose of settling thereon a colony of English farmers, mechanics, and laborers.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The undermentioned petitions and resolutions, were referred to the same committee, viz:

Petition of sundry inhabitants of Mine-a-Breton, in the territory of Missouri, presented on the 1st February, 1817.

Resolution of the legislature of the territory of Missouri, respecting crude lead, presented on the 1st of February, 1817,

Resolution of the legislature of the said territory, respecting lead mines, presented on the 10th February, 1816.

Resolution of the legislature of the said territory, concerning land titles, presented on the 14th February, 1816.

Resolutions of the legislature of the said territory, also concerning land titles, additional land offices, and pre-emption rights, presented on the 30th December, 1816.

Resolution of the legislature of the said territory, upon the same subjects, presented on the 17th January, 1816.

Resolution of the legislature of the said territory, concerning records, presented on the 18th February, 1817.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Abiel Wilson, late a lieutenant in the 4th regiment of the army of the United States, praying to be indemnified for losses he sustained, by being compelled to quit the British province of Upper Canada, at the commencement of the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Scott also presented a petition of Joseph Bogy, jr. praying for a confirmation of his title to a tract of land, in the territory of Missouri.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of Sam-

uel Hughes, and the documents accompanying the same, presented on the 5th February, 1817.

Mr. Rhea from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of William Lawrence, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Daniel Sedgley, which was read and recommitted to the same committee.

Mr. Little, from the committee of Accounts, to whom was referred the resolution directing an inquiry into the manner in which the contractor performs his engagement for printing and stationery for the House, made a report, which was read, and also recommitted to the same committee.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made separate reports on the cases of John T. Pattison; of the levy court of Calvert county, in the state of Maryland; of John Manning, and of John Ireland, transmitted to this House by Richard Bland Lee, commissioner of claims, which said reports were read and committed to a committee of the whole, on the 1st of January next.

A motion was made by Mr. Rich, to reconsider the vote taken yesterday, on the report of the committee of Claims, on the case of John G. Mackall, and on the question, to reconsider as aforesaid;

It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said report be also committed to the committee of the whole House last mentioned.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill making provision for the establishment of additional land offices, in the territory of Missouri, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Samuel Aikman.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Department of War, be instructed to report to this House, a list of the persons who have been added to the pension list, since the report made to the House of Representatives from that department, bearing date May 28, 1813, designating the number of each pensioner, as he stands on the roll of the respective districts or agencies, his rank or quality, and the amount of the annual stipend at present allowed to each person.

Mr. Poindexter submitted the following proposition of amendment to the rules and orders of the House, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the standing rules and orders of the House, be amended, in this, to wit: that the committee on Private Land Claims shall consist of seven members.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing

a post road from Lexington in Kentucky, by way of Lancaster to Somerset, in Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Thomas M. Nelson,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for extinguishing the Indian title to certain lands, south of Green river, in the state of Kentucky, which were set apart by the state of Virginia, for satisfying the claims of certain revolutionary officers to military bounty land, or of making such other provision in relation thereto, as justice may recommend.

Resolved, That the same committee also inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for satisfying the claims of those revolutionary officers who were entitled, in virtue of sundry resolutions and acts of the general assembly of Virginia, to military bounty land, to be laid off on the northwest side of the river Ohio, between the rivers Miami and Sciota, (now a part of the state of Ohio,) which claims remain unprovided for, in consequence of the quantity of arable land having proved insufficient therefor.

Mr. Thomas M. Nelson, Mr. Robertson, of Kentucky, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Claiborne, Mr. H. Nelson, and Mr. Terry, were appointed a committee pursuant to the foregoing resolutions.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to this House, a list of all the officers who held brevet rank, in the army of the United States, at the close of the late war, noting their respective lineal rank, at the time at which their brevet rank was conferred on them; together with a list of all the officers of the present army, who now hold a brevet, higher than their lineal rank, and of these, the number and grade of all such officers as actually receive, in virtue of their brevet rank, greater pay or emolument, than they would otherwise be entitled by law.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill authorizing the commutation of soldiers' bounty land; and after some time spent thereon, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had made further progress in the said bill, and that they had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 19, 1817.

Another member, to wit: from Delaware, Willard Hall, appeared, produced his credentials and took his seat: the oath to sup-

port the Constitution of the United States, being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Savage,

Ordered, That the petition of Humphrey Webster, presented on the 18th December, 1815, and the petition of John Hubbard, presented on the 22d January, 1817, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Southard presented a petition of Benjamin Smith, praying compensation for damages committed on his property, by the American army in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Ingham presented sundry documents in support of the petition of Allan M'Lane.

Mr. Pleasants presented a petition of Neil M'Coull, praying payment of a loan office certificate, issued in the revolutionary war.

The Speaker presented a petition of George Hammond, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions and documents be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Ingham,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Gibbs, presented on the 7th January, 1817, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of Samuel C. Reid, late commander of the private armed brig General Armstrong, on behalf of the officers and crew of that vessel, stating that whilst the said brig was at anchor, in the port of Fayal, on the 26th September, 1814, she was attacked by a British squadron commanded by commodore Lloyd, on its way to join the armament destined to operate against New Orleans; that although they were ultimately compelled to abandon and destroy the said brig, yet, that owing to the perseverance, with which himself, his officers and crew opposed the various attacks of the British squadron, it was so injured and reduced in its armament and men, as to be unabled to proceed in time to its ultimate destination, and praying that such rewards as have been granted, to officers and crews in the naval service of the United States, for the performance of brave and meritorious actions, may be awarded to those who served under his command, in this highly honorable and distinguished occurrence.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Irving also, presented a petition of sundry merchants of New York, praying for the establishment of an uniform system of bankruptcy.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of James Caze and John Richaud, stating that they purchased the ship "Victory," at a marshal's sale, during the war with Great Britain, which fell into

the hands of the British, upon the capture of Hampden, in the district of Maine, and was carried off by the British, upon the evacuation of that place, subsequent to the treaty of Ghent, and praying such relief in the premises as may be equitable and just.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Wendover, also presented another petition, from the above mentioned James Caze and John Richaud, praying compensation for the sails of the aforesaid ship Victory, which they had stored in a warehouse at Hampden, and which warehouse was destroyed, by the burning of the United States frigate John Adams, by order of her commander, captain Charles Morris.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petitions of the same persons, presented on the 12th December, 1816, be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of John T. David, praying that some provision may be made, for the settlement of his accounts at the War Department, as an assistant deputy paymaster, in the army, in consequence of the destruction of a part of his vouchers, occasioned by a fire in the city of Philadelphia.

Ordered, That the said petition be also referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Southard and Mr. Seybert respectively, presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, praying that additional duties may be imposed on foreign iron, imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of John Wilmot, presented on the 28th January, 1817, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Mercer presented a petition of the representatives of the yearly meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held in Baltimore, praying that further provisions may be made for the security of persons of color, who are free, or entitled to freedom, at a given period, in the traffic of slaves from the middle to the southern states, which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Mercer, Mr. Comstock, Mr. Darlington, Mr. Terrell, and Mr. Edwards, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Walker, of Kentucky, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Allen county, in the state of Kentucky, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Rhea presented a petition of the general assembly of the state of Tennessee, praying that the titles to lands in that state, derived from the state of North Carolina, previous to the cession of Tennessee to the United States, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed yesterday, on a resolution submitted by Mr. Thomas M. Nelson, concerning the military bounty lands, granted by the state of Virginia.

Mr. Campbell presented a petition of Samuel Gibson, praying permission to locate 1000 acres of the public lands, in lieu of a like quantity, purchased by him, from Zachariah Cox, lying in the Great Bend of the Tennessee river, upon the faith of an act of the legislature of Georgia.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Titus Strickland, guardian for the heirs of Nathaniel Holcum, deceased, praying that the title of the said heirs to a tract of land in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Pope presented a petition of James Hughes, stating that, owing to oppressions on the part of the officers of the government, in the territory of Illinois, he has been deprived of his right to the land which he has long held and cultivated; and, in order to save the fruits of many years labor, he was compelled, recently, to purchase two quarter sections, and praying such redress in the premises, as Congress may think proper to grant.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of Joseph Storer, presented at the last session of Congress.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Joseph Westcott, and that the same be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, reported a bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act for the relief of John Thompson," which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Tuesday next.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee of Elections, made the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

The committee of Elections, report in part, that they have examined the certificates of election and other credentials of the following members, and find them sufficient to entitle them to seats in this House, to wit:

From the state of New Hampshire,

Josiah Butler,	Arthur Livermore,
Clifton Claggett,	John F. Parrott,
Salma Hale.	Nathaniel Upham,

From the state of Massachusetts.

Benjamin Adams,	Joshua Gage,
Samuel C. Allen,	John Holmes,
Walter Folger,	Jonathan Mason,

Marcus Morton,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Benjamin Orr,
Albion K. Parris,
Nathaniel Ruggles,
Zabdiel Sampson,
Henry Shaw,
Nathaniel Silsbee.
Solomon Strong,
Ezekiel Whiteman.

From the state of Rode Island.

John L. Boss, Jr.

From the state of Connecticut.

Uriel Holmes,
Ebenezer Huntington.
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Timothy Pitkin.
Samuel B. Sherwood,
Nathaniel Terry,
Thomas S. Williams.

From the state of Vermont.

Heman Allen,
Samuel C. Crafts,
William Hunter,
Orasmus C. Merrill,
Charles Rich,
Mark Richards.

From the state of New York.

Oliver C. Comstock,
Daniel Cruger,
John P. Cushman,
John R. Drake,
Benjamin Ellicott,
Josiah Hasbrouck,
John Herkimer,
Thomas H. Hubbard,
William Irving,
Dorrance Kirtland,
Thomas Lawyer,
David A. Ogden,
John Palmer,
James Porter,
John Savage,
Philip J. Schuyler,
Tredwell Scudder,
John C. Spencer,
Henry R. Storrs,
James Tallmadge, Jr.
John W. Taylor,
Caleb Tompkins,
George Townsend,
Peter H. Wendover,
Rensselaer Westerlo,
James W. Wilkin,
Isaac Williams.

From the state of New Jersey.

Benjamin Bennett,
Joseph Bloomfield,
Charles Kinsey,
John Linn,
Henry Southard.

From the state of Pennsylvania.

William Anderson,
Henry Baldwin,
Andrew Boden,
Isaac Darlington,
Joseph Hiester,
Joseph Hopkinson,
Samuel D. Ingham,
William Maclay,
William P. Maclay,
David Marchand,
Robert Moore,
John Murray,
Alexander Ogle,
Thomas Patterson,
Levi Pawling,
John Ross,
John Sergeant,
Adam Seybert,
Jacob Spangler,
Christian Tarr,
James Wallace,
John Whiteside,
William Wilson.

From the state of Delaware.

Willard Hall, Louis M'Lane.

From the state of Maryland.

Thomas Bayley, Philip Reed,
Thomas Culbreth, Samuel Ringgold,
John C. Herbert, Samuel Smith,
Peter Little, Philip Stewart.
George Peter,

From the state of Virginia.

Archibald Austin, Charles F. Mercer,
William Lee Ball, Hugh Nelson,
Philip P. Barbour, Thomas M. Nelson,
Burwell Bassett, Thomas Newton,
William A. Burwell, James Pindall,
Edward Colston, James Pleasants,
John Floyd, Ballard Smith,
Robert S. Garnett, Alexander Smyth,
Peterson Goodwyn, George F. Strother,
James Johnson, Henry St. George Tucker,
William J. Lewis, John Tyler.
William M'Coy,

From the state of North Carolina.

Weldon N. Edwards, Thomas Settle,
Daniel M. Forney, Jesse Slocumb,
Thomas H. Hall, James S. Smith,
George Mumford, Felix Walker,
James Owen, Lewis Williams.

From the state of South Carolina.

Joseph Bellinger, Wilson Nesbitt,
Elias Earle, Starling Tucker.
Stephen D. Miller,

From the state of Georgia.

Joel Abbot, Joel Crawford.
Thomas W. Cobb, John Forsyth,
Zadock Cook, William Terrell.

From the state of Kentucky.

Richard C. Anderson, Jr. Tunstall Quarles, Jr.
Henry Clay, George Robertson,
Joseph Desha. Thomas Speed,
Richard M. Johnson, David Trimble,
Anthony New, David Walker.

From the state of Tennessee.

William G. Blount, George W. L. Marr,
Thomas Claiborne, John Rhea.
Samuel Hogg,

From the state of Ohio.

Levi Barber, William Henry Harrison,
Philemon Beecher, Samuel Herrick,
John W. Campbell, Peter Hitchcock.

From the state of Louisiana.

Thomas B. Robertson.

From the state of Indiana.

William Hendricks.

From the state of Mississippi.

George Poindexter.

They have also examined the certificates of election of Nathaniel Pope and John Scott, and find them sufficient to entitle them to seats in this House, as delegates from the territories of Illinois and Missouri.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Charles Wirgman, and that it be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House took up the proposition submitted yesterday by Mr. Poindexter, to amend the rules and orders of the House, and the same being read, was concurred in; and,

Mr. Poindexter and Mr. Claiborne, were then added to the committee on Private Land Claims, conformable to the said amendment.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Landon Carter," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Harrison submitted the following proposition of amendment, to the rules and orders of the House:

The Speaker shall have power to admit persons to seats in the hall, during the sitting of the House, who belong to such legislatures of foreign governments, as are in amity with the United States.

The said proposition being read, the rule requiring it to lay one day for consideration, was by unanimous consent dispensed with; and,

The question was then taken, to agree to the said proposition; And passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee appointed on so much of the President's message, as relates to roads, canals, and seminaries of learning, be postponed until the first Monday in January next.

On motion of Mr. Merrill.

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be instructed to furnish a statement, showing the names of the several persons to whom land

warrants have issued, and extra pay been allowed, subsequent to the 3d of March, 1817, under the act, entitled "An act granting bounty in lands, and extra pay to certain Canadian volunteers," and the acts supplementary thereto, together with the names of the agents or attorneys, to whom said land warrants were delivered, and the money paid, particularly noting such, if any, as were, or are connected with the public offices; and also to state, whether any, and if any, what information he may have received, relative to impositions practised on claimants, by persons pretending to be agents, authorized by the government.

Mr. Wendover submitted the following, which was read and ordered to lie on the table for one day:

Resolved, That the standing rules of this House be so amended that not more than —— bills shall be committed to the same committee of the whole House; and that such bills shall be analogous in their nature; which analogy shall be determined by the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of allowing further time for the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on continental establishment, their heirs or assigns entitled to bounty lands, within the tract reserved by the state of Virginia, between the little Miami and Sciota rivers, to complete their locations, with leave to report by bill or otherwise; and,

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Garnett, and Mr. Smyth, of Georgia, was appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Tyler court house to Sistersville.

On motion of Mr. New,

Resolved, That the committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Hopkinsville in Kentucky, by William's and Boyd's Landing, to Long Creek, in the county of Caldwell.

On motion of Mr. Herbert,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury, be directed to lay before this House, a statement of the amount of receipts into the Treasury, from imposts, internal taxes, and other sources of revenue within the District of Columbia, specifying the sum received in each year, since the assumption of the jurisdiction by Congress in 1801; also a statement of the amount of registered tonnage, employed in the carriage of goods, wares, and merchandise, in the foreign and coasting trade of the district.

On motion of Mr. Silsbee,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws making appropriations for the establishment of custom houses, which are now confined to principal districts; as to authorize the appli-

cation of such appropriations as have already been, or may hereafter be, made to any district within the United States, where the Secretary of the Treasury shall think such establishments will best promote the public interest.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill authorizing the commutation of soldiers' bounty lands; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the same with amendments, and asked leave for the committee of the whole to sit again on the residue of the subjects to them committed.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the residue of the said order, and that the said bill and amendments lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Landon Carter," was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Moore.

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Youngstown in the county of Trumbull, in the state of Ohio, to the town of New Bedford, in the county of Mercer in the state of Pennsylvania.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Noah Miller; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the same with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill providing for certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. H. Nelson reported that the committee had made some progress in the said bill, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Comstock,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, December 22, 1817.

Another member to wit: from Pennsylvania, Alexander Ogle, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat: the oath to support the constitution of the United States, being first administered to him by the Speaker.

Mr. Upham presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Sanbornton, Northfield, Gilmanton, Barnstead, Alton, and Newderham, praying for the establishment of a post road.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Plymouth county, in Massachusetts, also praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of John Simpson.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition of Abijah M'Clain.

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of Thomas Mills.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of John Halfpenny, which petitions respectively pray for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the petition of Hugh Mulloy, presented on the 31st of May, 1813, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented petitions from manufacturers, of cotton and woollen goods, in Waltham, Dedham, Brunswick, Lancaster and West Boylston, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that further aid and encouragement, may be granted to domestic manufactures.

Mr. Storrs presented a similar petition from sundry inhabitants of Oneida county, in the state of New York.

Mr. Westerlo, Mr. Southard, Mr. Hall, of Delaware and Mr. Bassett, respectively presented petitions from sundry manufacturers of iron, praying that additional duties may be imposed on pig iron, bar iron and castings, imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Porter presented a petition of Matthew Cadwell, praying to be relieved from the payment of bonds, given to secure the duty on the distillery of a certain Edward Barnham, in which bonds, the petitioner is surety, in consequence of the said Barnham's having absconded, without availing himself of the privilege granted him, to use the distillery aforesaid.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented an application of sundry persons, neighbors of a certain Solomon Belews, stating the inability of the said Belews, to pay the duties on his distillery, owing to extreme cold weather and misfortunes which befell him, and soliciting the remission of the said duties.

Ordered, That the said petition and application be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of the surviving officers of the Pennsylvania line, of the revolutionary army, praying that the whole amount of the half pay, secured to the officers of the said

army, by a resolution of Congress, may be granted to them, with a deduction of the commutation thereof, for five years full pay.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on so much of the President's message, as relates to the surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army.

Mr. Hopkinson, also presented a petition of the Chamber of Commerce, of the city of Philadelphia, praying for the establishment of an uniform system of bankruptcy, which was referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill for that purpose.

Mr. Sergent presented a petition of Elisha Gordon, praying to be paid a loan office certificate, issued to his mother in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of the officers of a volunteer troop of cavalry, attached to the 4th regiment of Virginia militia in the county of Ohio, praying to be reimbursed the amount of their expenditure which they were compelled to incur in the discharge of their duties.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Joseph M'Neil a petition of Barthelemy Duverge, a petition of John Pellet, and a petition of Pierre Dennis De La Ronde, respectively praying compensation for damages committed on their landed estates and other property, by the American and British armies during the military operations in the neighborhood of New Orleans, in the months of December, 1814, and January, 1815.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Tyler presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Virginia, a copy of that presented on the 9th instant, by Mr. Ballard Smith, which was referred to the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to roads, canals, and seminaries of learning.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Edmund Dana, on behalf of himself and others, praying to be permitted to purchase, in one entire tract, a large quantity of public land, the payments for which to be extended beyond the usual terms of credit, on which they propose to settle a large number of respectable families from the middle and eastern states.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of Thomas Martin, praying that further compensation may be granted to him, for services as an officer in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of a company of rangers, commanded by captain James Biggar, praying further compensation for services rendered by the said company, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Marthasville, in the county of Saint Charles, in the territory of Missouri, praying that an academy may be established in said town, and that the section of land reserved for the use of schools, may be vested in trustees with power to sell a part thereof to be applied in the erection of the necessary buildings, which was referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Scott also presented a petition of Reuben Norman, and a petition of John Rodney, respectively praying a confimation of their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made reports on the petitions of William Clement and Rufus Deland, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were severally concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of William Clement, ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the committee of Claims, to whom was referred, the petition of Rufus Deland, of the state of Vermont, be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and that the petition with the accompanying documents, be referred to the Department of War.

Mr. Plesants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of Catharine Young, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That it would be inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition.

Mr. Cobb, from the committee appointed to inquire into the claims of certain detachments of the militia of Georgia, for services performed in the years 1793 and 1794, made a detailed report, which was read: when,

Mr. Cobb, reported a bill for the payment of certain militia claims, of the state of Georgia, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Tuesday the 30th instant.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee appointed on the 15th instant, on the subject, reported a bill, by which the right of citizenship, may be relinquished, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House, a report of the Secretary of State, in obedience to a resolution of the 16th instant, concerning the accounts of M. M. Noah, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message in writing, was received from the President of the

United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, which was read, and is as follows.

To the House of Representatives:

In compliance, with a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 11th of this month, requesting to be informed of the present strength of the army of the United States, its distribution among the several military posts, which it is designed to protect, and its competency to preserve, and defend the fortifications, amongst which it is distributed, and to aid in constructing such other military works, if any, as it may be deemed proper to erect, for the more effectual security of the United States, and of the territories thereof; I now transmit a report from the Secretary of War, which contains the information desired.

JAMES MONROE.

December 22d 1817.

Ordered, That the said message lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the clothing of the army and navy exclusively, in the manufactures of the United States.

On motion of Mr. M'Coy,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, inquire into the expediency of increasing the price, at which the said lands shall be sold hereafter.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be required to communicate the measures taken, if any, to give effect to the act of Congress, passed on the twenty-sixth of February, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, for the establishment of navy hospitals; if nothing has been done to show the cause why the statute has been neglected, and whether it be necessary to repeal the same.

On motion of Mr. Porter,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency, of increasing by law, the compensation of the marshal, of the northern district of the state of New York.

On motion of Mr. Quarles,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road, from Columbia in the state of Kentucky, to the Hazlepatch; and also, the expediency of establishing a post road, from Monticello, in Kentucky, to Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Hale,

Resolved, That the committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructd to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Walpole, in the state of New Hampshire, through Alstead to Ackworth.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire, whether moneys deposited from time to time, by orders of the district courts of the United States, of New York, have been faithfully applied, and that the said committee be invested with power, to send for persons and papers.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to provide for certain surviving officers and soldiers, of the revolutionary army; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported, that the committee, had made further progress in the said bill, and directed *him* to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Noah Miller," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk, carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House, that Mr. Wilson, of the Joint committee, on Enrolled Bills, on the part of the Senate, being absent, the Senate have appointed Mr. Noble of the said committee, on their part. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint committee, for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to abolish the internal duties," and an enrolled resolution, "Directing a distribution of certain laws, among the members of the Fifteenth Congress," also, an enrolled "Resolution, authorizing the distribution of certain public documents," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

The Speaker signed the said bill and resolutions.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 23, 1817.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of the board of managers, of the *American* Bible Society, praying that all letters and packets sent to, or from their president, secretaries and treasurer, on the business of the Society, may be sent free of postage, under such regulations as Congress may think proper to impose; which was order to be referred to a Select committee; and,

Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Morton, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Sergeant also, presented a petition of the board of managers of the *Philadelphia* Bible Society, praying that the duties imposed on stereotype plates, already imported into the United States, and designed for the printing of the Holy Scripiures, may be remit-

ted: that all duties incurred on the importation of the said Scriptures, printed in foreign languages for gratuitous distribution, may also be remitted, and that inspired writings in foreign languages hereafter imported, may be imported free of duty.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee last appointed.

Mr. Hall, of Delaware, presented a petition of John Robertson, late a private dragoon in the army of the United States, praying to be allowed the arrearages of pay, and bounty in money; as also a grant of the land due for his services, as aforesaid, which he alledges is unjustly and illegally withheld from him by the officers of the War Department.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Herbert,

Ordered, That the petition of Willian Dent Beall, presented on the 4th December, 1812, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Herbert,

Ordered, That the petition of John Darnall, presented on the 3d February, 1816, be referred to a Select committee; and,

Mr. Herbert, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Hall, of Delaware, Mr. Little and Mr. Garnett, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of Hector Scott, praying to be paid the amount of a certificate of debenture, issued to him by the collector of New York, in the year 1800, on the exportation from that port, of a quantity of foreign merchandize, to the port of New Orleans.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Granger county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Ordered, That the following petitions heretofore presented, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, viz:

The petition of William Miller and others, presented on the 7th January, 1817.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of Bayou Beouf, in the State of Louisiana, presented on the 9th January, 1817.

The petition of William Fisher, presented on the 16th December, 1816.

The petition of Joseph Gillard, presented on the 9th January, 1817.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Joseph Hertick, for himself and the heirs of Madame Villars, and a petition of Joseph Villars,

for himself and the infant son of Antoine Villars, deceased, respectfully praying for confirmations of their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Edmund Brooke; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea also, made reports on the petitions of Robert Smith and Charles Smith, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Robert Smith, ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Charles Smith, ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of William M'Intosh, which was read and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Robertson also made a report on the letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, concerning the islands in the rivers passing through the Public Lands, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient in this particular, to alter the law, regulating the surveys of the Public Lands.

Mr. Hugh Nelson from the committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what legal provisions are necessary to prescribe the effect which the public acts, records and judicial proceedings of each state, shall have in the courts of every other state, made a report thereon; which was read; when,

Mr. Nelson reported a bill to prescribe the effect which certain records and judicial proceedings of the courts of each state, shall have in every other state of the United States, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of State, on the petitions of Antoine Bienvenu, Peter La Coste and Jacques Villere, of Louisiana, made a report thereon, which was read and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions and documents.

On motion of Mr. Trimble,

Resolved, That the President of the United States, be request-

ed, to cause to be laid before this House, any information he may be able to communicate, relative to the imprisonment and detension in confinement, of Richard Cowles Meade, a citizen of the United States.

Mr. Trimble and Mr. Darlington, were appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for appointing justices or conservators of the peace or other magistrates, authorized to enforce the execution of the laws of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

Resolved, That the committee on Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road, from Halifax court house, to Lynchburg, both in the state of Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Herrick,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for increasing the compensation paid to jurors and witnesses, summoned to attend the several courts of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of extending the privilege of franking to one person in each of the states and territories of the United States, who shall be appointed by the governor or legislature thereof, for the purpose of distributing the vaccine matter, within such state or territory; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise; and,

Mr. Floyd, Mr. Abbott and Mr. Seybert, were appointed the said committee.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to provide for certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson, reported the said bill with sundry amendments, which were severally read and concurred in by the House with amendments.

The said bill was further amended and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Spencer proposed the following joint resolution, to wit:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the two Houses of Congress, will adjourn on the 24th day of December, instant, to meet on the 29th day of December, instant.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The said resolution being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time;

And on the question, shall the said resolution pass?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....84. / Nays.....63.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hubbard,	Mr. Quarles,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Huntington,	Ringgold,
Austin,	Ingham,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Baldwin,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Robertson, *Lou.*
Barbour, *Va.*	Johnson, *Ken.*	Ross,
Bayley,	Jones,	Ruggles,
Bloomfield,	Kinsey,	Sawyer,
Bryan,	Lewis,	Scudder,
Burwell,	Little,	Sergeant,
Cobb,	Lowndes,	Seybert,
Colston,	Mason, *Mass.*	Shaw,
Cook,	Mercer,	Sherwood,
Crawford,	Miller,	Silsbee,
Cruger,	Moseley,	S. Smith,
Culbreth,	Mumford,	Bal. Smith,
Cushman,	Jer. Nelson,	Alex. Smyth,
Darlington,	H. Nelson,	J. S. Smith,
Earle,	Nesbitt,	Spangler,
Edwards,	Newton,	Spencer,
Ellicott,	Orr,	Storrs,
Forney,	Owen,	Strother,
Forsyth,	Palmer,	Tallmadge,
Goodwyn,	Parrott,	Taylor,
Harrison,	Pawling,	Terrell,
Hasbrouck,	Peter,	Terry,
Hendricks,	Pleasants,	Walker, *N. C.*
Holmes, *Con.*	Poindexter,	Westerlo,
Hopkinson,	Porter,	Wilkin. 84

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Clagett,	Mr. Hogg,
Allen, *Vt.*	Comstock,	Holmes, *Mass.*
Anderson, *Pen.*	Crafts,	Hunter,
Ball,	Desha,	Johnson, *Va.*
Bassett,	Drake,	Kirtland,
Bateman,	Folger,	Lawyer,
Beecher,	Gage,	Linn,
Bellinger,	Hale,	Livermore,
Bennett,	Hall, *Del.*	W. P. Maclay,
Boden,	Hall, *N. C.*	M'Coy,
Boss,	Herkimer,	Marchand,
Butler,	Herrick,	Merrill,
Campbell,	Hitchcock,	Moore,

Mr. Morton,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. Tucker, *S. C.*
Murray,	Sampson,	Upham,
Ogle,	Settle,	Wallace,
Parris,	Slocumb,	Wendover,
Patterson,	Southard,	Whitman,
Pindall,	Strong,	Williams, *Con.*
Rhea,	Tarr,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Rich,	Tompkins,	Wilson, *Pen.* 63

Ordered, That the title be "A resolution providing a temporary adjournment of Congress;" and that the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the Joint Committee, for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States, the enrolled bill and resolutions, the examination of which was reported yesterday.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 24, 1816.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Salem, and the adjoining towns, in the state of Massachusetts, praying for the establishment of an uniform system of bankruptcy; which was referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill for that purpose.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of sundry surviving officers of the revolutionary army, praying to the same effect with the petition of the officers of the Pennsylvania line, of the said army, presented on the 22d instant.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on so much of the President's message, are relates to the surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army.

Mr. Darlington presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of iron, in the county of Chester, and state of Pennsylvania, praying that additional duties may be imposed on pig iron, bar iron, and castings, imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition of Joseph Gwyne, praying compensation for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

The Speaker presented a petition of Henry King, praying compensation for supplies furnished, and for services rendered as an officer in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Jeremiah Bettes, jr. praying that the pension heretofore granted to him may be increased.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Herbert,

Ordered, That the petition of Robert Sewall, presented on the 12th December, 1816, be referred to Richard Bland Lee, Commissioner of Claims, under the act of 9th April, 1816.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Charles W. Hunter, praying for a confirmation of his claim to a tract of land in the Territory of Missouri.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. M'Coy presented a petition of William Santeer, praying compensation for a horse lost in the public service, during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House, a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the petition of John Bate; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the resolution "Providing a temporary adjournment of Congress;" and they have received official information, that the President of the United States, did, on the 23d instant, approve and sign "A resolution authorizing the distribution of certain documents." And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to provide for certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army," was read the third time, and being on its passage,

Mr. Lowndes moved to recommit the bill to a committee of the whole house, with instructions,

"*To limit the benefits of the act to soldiers who were enlisted for a term of three years, or for the war, and who did not desert; and to officers who continued in the service of the United States, to the conclusion of the war in* 1783, *or were left out of the service, in consequence of disability, or in consequence of some derangement of the army.*"

The question being stated, on thus recommitting the bill;

Mr. Edwards moved to amend the said instructions, by striking out the words "*three years,*" and to insert in lieu thereof the words "*one year;*"

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

A division of the question being called for; it was taken on recommitting the bill,

And was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on the passage of the bill,

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Drake,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting bounties to manufacturers, who manufacture a given number of yards of woollen and cotton cloths of a certain width; and that a permanent fund be appropriated for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Alexander Smyth,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Post Road from Danville, to the Lead Mines in Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the Post Route, from Sumpterville to Columbia, in South Carolina.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his secretary, notifying the House that the President did on the 23d instant, approve and sign,

An act to abolish the internal duties, and a resolution directing the distribution of certain public documents.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to remit the duty on a painting, prssented to the Pennsylvania Hospital; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-day:

The said bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be, "An act to remit the duty on a painting, presented to the Pennsylvania Hospital," and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Samuel Aikman: on the bill for the relief of Joel Earwood; and on the bill making provision for the establishment, of additional land offices, in the territory of Missouri; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett, reported the said bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bills be severally engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act for the relief of John Thompson;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wilkin reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Landon Carter, deceased;" and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill, by which the right of citizenship was relinquished; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Alexander Smyth, reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, have leave to sit again on the said bill.

The House took up the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of this date, on the petition of John Bate, and referred the same to the committee of Claims.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

MONDAY, December 29, 1817.

Mr. Shaw presented a petition of Edmund Foster, praying for a pension.

Mr. Parris presented a petition of Thomas Webster, also praying for a pension.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of Robert Niles, praying to be indemnified for losses he sustained, while in public employ, during the revolutionary war, occasioned by the depreciation of the paper medium then in use, and by the nonfulfillment of the engagements, entered into with him by the public agents.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of Daniel Moss, praying for the renewal of a land warrant issued for services in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Ballard Smith presented a petition of Samuel Allen, praying compensation for services as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Orr presented a petition of sundry merchants of Bath, in the district of Maine, praying that the port of Bath, may be established as a port of entry, for vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, and places beyond the same.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of Allen Clark, stating, that owing to a mistake in his entry at the custom house, he is unable to obtain, the drawback on a quantity of merchandize, which he exported from the port of New York.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Oneida county, in the state of New York, praying that further measures may be adopted, for the protection and encouragement of domestic manufactures.

Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Bassett, respectively presented petitions from inhabitants of New York, Pennsylvania

and Virginia, praying that additional duties may be imposed on bar iron, pig iron, and castings, imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of sundry surviving officers of the revolutionary army, a copy of that presented by him, from sundry other officers of the said army, on the 24th instant.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on so much of the President's message, as relates to the surviving officers and soldiers of the army aforesaid.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of Oliver Champlin, surveyor of the port of New London, praying for an increase of his compensation.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of Tucker & Lauries, of the city of New York, merchants, on behalf of Alexander Dalrymple of Scotland, praying that certain duties paid by said Dalrymple, on the importation of a quantity of foreign merchandise, may be refunded, for reasons stated in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Hopkinson,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry umbrella manufacturers in Philadelphia, presented on the 9th January, 1817, be referred to the same committee.

The petition of Morton & Sneed, presented on the 8th February, 1817, was again presented by the Speaker, and on motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, referred to the last mentioned committee.

Mr. Jones presented a petition of John Cowan, captain of a company of volunteer mounted gun men, in the service of the United States in the late war, praying that himself and the individuals composing his said company, may be remunerated for expenses incurred by them in shoeing their horses, as also, for other expenditures, which they were unavoidably compelled to incur.

Mr. Rich presented a petition of Israel Smith, late a lieutenant in, and paymaster to, the 30th regiment of infantry, praying that the proper officer of the War Department, may be directed to place the sum of four hundred dollars to his credit, as that sum has been erroneously charged to him, at the direction of the colonel of said regiment, to whom alone it was properly chargeable.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of William Beagle, stating that a judgment has been rendered against him, for selling spirituous liquors without a license, and without an opportunity of being heard in his defence; that he was ignorant of the act requiring him to take out a license; that he is in indigent circumstances, and has a family of ten children to maintain, and praying that the said judgment may be remitted.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That the petition of Calvin Barnes, presented on the 12th of February, 1817, be referred to the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Hopkinson,

Ordered, That the petition of Thorpe, Siddall & Thorpe, presented on the 13th January, 1817, be also referred to the said committee.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Elizabeth Moyer, mother and gurdian of Joseph Wilcox, stating that he is the son of colonel Joseph Wilcox, deceased, who commanded the corps of Canadian volunteers during the late war, and who rendered eminent services to this country, and praying for such grant of land to his son, as shall be commensurate with the rank and services of his father.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Whiteside presented a petition of Daniel Livermore, stating that he has discovered a method, by which he can breed fish, in waters in which they have never been known to exist, and praying that the benefits of his discovery may be secured to him and his associates, upon his breeding and propagating fish, in any waters in the United States.

Mr. Moore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the borough of Erie, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that an appropriation may be made for opening the channel from lake Erie, into the harbor of Presque Isle.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on so much of the President's message, as relates to Roads, Canals and Seminaries of Learning.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

Ordered, That the petition of the American Society, for colonizing the free people of color, presented on the 14th January, 1817, be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of the representatives of the annual meeting of the society of Friends in the city of Baltimore.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Ordered, That the petition of James Gibson, presented on the 6th December 1816, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Joaquim de Lisa, a petition of Madame Honore, and her son Louis Telson Honore, a petition of Manuel Lisa, a petition of Thomas S. Rodney, and a petition of Antoine Soulard and James Mackay, on behalf of the executors of the will of John Watkins, deceased, respectively praying for a confirmation of their titles, to lands in the territory of Missouri.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from a further consideration of the application of William Samuel, to be placed on the pension list, and that the said application be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of James Bursiel, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made reports on the petitions of Rosewell Woodworth and James Prince, which were read and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Rosewell Woodworth ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of James Prince ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of Jacob Greer, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of Abraham Byington, which was read, concluding with the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

A motion was made by Mr. Rich to amend the said resolution, so as to make it read as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, so as to discharge him from such part of the debt recovered against him, as partakes of the nature of a penalty, for the neglect of his principal.

And on the question to agree to the said amendment;

It passed in the affirmative.

The said resolution was then agreed to as amended:

Ordered, That a bill be brought in pursuant thereto, and that the committee of Claims prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Pindall, from the committee appointed on the subject, reported a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Wednesday next.

A message in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his secretary, as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 12th of this month, requesting to be informed whether any, and which of the Representatives, in a list thereto annexed, have held offices, since the 4th of March last, designating the offi-

ces, the times of appointment and acceptance, and whether they were at that time so held, or when they had been resigned. I now transmit a report from the Secretary of State, which contains the information desired.

JAMES MONROE.

December 29, 1817.

The said message was read and referred to the committee of Elections.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a list of the officers who held brevet rank in the army of the United States at the close of the late war, and a list of all the officers of the present army who now hold brevets, higher than their lineal rank, which were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from Richard Bland Lee, Commissioner of Claims, under the act of the 9th of April, 1816, containing "reports of the facts," in the cases of Richard Mansfield, of William B. Holmes, of Mary Sears, and of Samuel Hughes, all of the state of Maryland, which was referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from William Allen, offering, for the acceptance of the House, a copy of the first message of the present President of the United States, printed on silvered leather; which letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Pitkin,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before the House, a statement of American and Foreign tonnage, employed in the foreign trade of the United States, in the years 1815 and 1816, and as far as practicable, in the year 1817, distinguishing the nations to whom the foreign tonnage belonged; also, a statement of *American and British* tonnage, employed in the trade, between the United States and the *British* dominions in *Europe*, for each of the said years; distinguishing the amount employed between the United States and the united kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the other British *European* dominions.

That the Secretary of the Treasury be, also directed to lay before the House, a statement showing the amount of British tonnage, in the trade between the United States, and the *British West Indies*, and between the United States and the *British North American colonies*, in 1815, 1816 and 1817, containing the amount entered in, and cleared from the American ports, in each of said years.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before the House, a statement showing the *quantity* of sugar, coffee, rum, molasses and cocoa imported into, and exported from the United States, in each of the years, 1815, 1816 and 1817, together with the countries and places from whence the same were imported, and the *quantity* imported from each *country and place*.

Mr. Poindexter submitted the following resolution, which was read, viz:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States, to exchange with the Choctaw, Creek, Cherokee and Chickasaw tribes of Indians, or either of them, lands belonging to the United States, west of the Mississippi, for lands now in the possession and occupancy of said tribes of Indians, or either of them.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The said resolution was amended, by striking out "*a committee be appointed,*" and inserting in liew thereof, "*the committee on the Public Lands be instructed.*"

The question was then taken to agree to the said resolution as amended:

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Moses Porter, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

The House then took up the proposition to amend the rules and orders of proceeding, submitted by Mr. Wendover on the 19th instant; and the same being amended, was agreed to by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the standing rules of this House, be so amended, that not more than three bills, originating in this House, shall be committed to the same committee of the whole House, and that such bills shall be analogous in their nature, which analogy shall be determined by the Speaker.

Mr. Taylor submitted the following joint resolution, which was read twice and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress Assembled, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office, cause to be engraved, a plate of the Surveyor General's official map of the military bounty lands, in the territory of Illinois, and cause to be printed six hundred copies thereof, subject to the future disposition of Congress.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Samuel Aikman.

An act for the relief of Joel Earwood.

An act making provision, for the establishment of additional land offices, in the territory of Missouri, were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and the act concerning the Mint," with amendments, in which they ask the con-

currence of this House. And then he withdrew. The said amendments were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Winslow and Henry Lewis; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee of Claims, on the petition of Alexander Worster; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the agreement of the committee of the whole, to the resolution submitted by the committee of Claims, amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner *ought* to be granted.

The question was stated, to concur in the amendment of the committee of the whole: when

The said resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

And the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 30th, 1817.

On motion of Mr. Clagett,

Ordered, That the petition of John Fairfield, presented on the 19th January, 1816, be referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Clagett, Mr. Livermore, and Mr. Terry, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Clagett presented a petition of Mehitable Cole, stating that she is the mother of Jack Fairfield, deceased, who was a soldier in the army of the United States in the late war, and was killed in battle, and praying that the bounty in land, to which the deceased was entitled, may be granted to her, which she is at present unable to obtain, in consequence of the said Jack Fairfield being born out of wedlock.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee last appointed.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Dean Weymouth, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted him,

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of George Smith, praying to be allowed the arrearages of pay and rations, due for his services as an officer in the revolutionary army,

Mr. Hall, of Delaware, presented a petition of John Corse, praying for a pension and for a grant of land, in consideration of wounds received whilst an officer in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Herbert presented a petition of Young Wilkinson, praying to be allowed the pay due for his services as an officer in the revolutionary army,

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the petition of John Fanning, presented on the 27th December, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Moseley presented a petition of George Wolcott, surveyor and inspector of the revenue, for the port of Saybrook, in the state of Connecticut, praying for an increase of his compensation,

Mr. Savage presented a petition of Abraham Smith, praying for a remission of the duties secured by him to be paid on his distillery, for the reasons set forth in his petition,

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of Andrew Ogden, and Thomas C. Butler, of the city of New York, merchants, owners of the ship Koran, stating that certain smugglers in conjunction with the keeper of said ship, clandestinely conveyed on board the same, a quantity of coffee, in consequence of which she has been seized, libelled and condemned in the district court of New York; and, inasmuch as the fraud was committed wholly without the consent or knowledge of the petitioners they pray for such relief in the premises, as to Congress may seem just and proper,

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Robert Burnside, praying to be allowed the interest on the sum paid him, in virtue of an act for his relief, passed at the last session of Congress,

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of John Clifford, of Philadelphia, merchant, praying that certain duties paid by him on a quantity of copper may be refunded, as the supreme court have since decided, that copper of the description imported by him, was not at the time of importation, subject to duty.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Anderson, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of Samuel Walker, praying compensation for damages committed on his property by the troops of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

The following petitions, heretofore presented, were again presented, and referred to the committee of Claims, viz:

By Mr. Baldwin, those of Samuel Perry, and Pentland, Hegins, and Steele, presented on the 4th March, 1816, and 6th December, 1816;

By Mr. Garnett, that of Thomas B. Farrish, presented on the 15th December, 1814.

Mr. Ballard Smith presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Buckingham county, in the state of Virginia, praying that a communication may be opened between the waters of James River, and the waters falling into the Ohio river.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of whole, to which is committed the report, in part, of the committee appointed on that part of the President's message, which relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning.

Mr. Lowndes presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Clarke, Monroe, Washington, Mobile, and Baldwin, in the territory of Alabama, praying that no part of the said territory may be attached to the state of Mississippi.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the 17th instant, on the petition of the convention of Delegates, appointed to form a constitution and state government, for the late territory of Mississippi.

Mr. Rhea presented a petition of John Taylor, praying for a pension; having been wounded while on board a revenue cutter in the service of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Trimble presented a petition of the Abolition society of Kentucky, praying that the plan at present before the national legislature, for colonizing the free people of color may be carried into effect.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of the representatives of the annual meeting of the society of Friends, in Baltimore.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of Mary Tucker, and Joshua Foss, and that the former be referred to the committee on Military Affairs, and the latter to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Newton, from the committee on Commerce and Manufactures, made a report on the petition of Allen Clarke, which was read and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House as follows, viz.

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave *to withdraw* his petition.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the state of Mississippi, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, reported a bill for the relief of John Anderson, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed Mr. Wilson, of the Joint committee for Enrolled Bills, in the place of Mr. Noble, excused; and they have passed a bill entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys

thereon to the general land office; and for designating the western boundary line of the Virginia military line," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time and referred to the committee appointed on the 17th instant, on the same subject.

Mr. Herrick, from the committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of Gabriel Winter, which was read: when,

Mr. Herrick reported a bill confirming certain land claims, in the Missouri territory, to the legal representatives of Elisha Winter, and the legal representatives of William Winter, which was read the first and second time, and together, with the report abovementioned, committed to a commitee of the whole to-morrow.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Miller, and was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the committee on Foreign Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the 4th section of an act, passed on the 3d day of March, 1817, entitled "An act more effectually to preserve the neutral relations of the United States," as to embrace within the provisions thereof, the armed vessels of a government at peace with the United States, and at war with any colony, district, or people with whom the United States are, or may be at peace.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the American Colonization Society be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making such further alterations in the laws, prohibiting the citizens of the United States, from engaging in the African slave trade, as may more effectually cause their intended operation; and that the said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

An engrossed resolution directing the engraving of the map of the military bounty land, in the territory of Illinois, was read the third time; and on the question, "Shall the resolution pass?"

It was determined in the negative; and so the said resolution was rejected.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Winslow and Henry Lewis," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The Speaker laid before the House, a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the amount of receipts into the Treasury of the United States, from imports, internal, and direct taxes, and other sources of revenue within the District of Columbia, since the year 1801; together with a statement of registered tonnage within said district, made in obedience to a resolution of the 19th instant; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Joseph Forrest have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee of the whole, to the bill authorizing the commutation of soldiers' bounty lands; when an amendment was moved to the said amendments, by Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana: whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to incorporate the Columbian Insurance Company of Alexandria; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill authorizing the payment of certain militia claims of the state of Georgia; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 31, 1817.

Another member, to wit: from South Carolina, James Ervin, appeared, produced his credentials and took his seat; the oath to support the constitution of the United States, being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Parrott presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Portsmouth, in the state of New Hampshire, who are engaged in the fisheries, praying that the duties on salt may not be repealed.

Mr. Parris presented a petition of Jonathan S. Stevens, Joseph Bryant and others, of Castine, in the District of Maine, praying that certain duties on goods entered by them at the said port of Castine, while the same was occupied by the British forces, which they were compelled to pay to the collector on the part of the United States, after the evacuation of that place by the British authorities, may be remitted.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Parris, also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Maine, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, also, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered. That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Rich presented a petition of Joel Chase, praying compen-

sation for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army, and for a grant of the bounty land to which he is entitled for said services.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, presented a petition of Cornelius Baldwin, praying compensation for his services rendered as a surgeon in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Jones, presented on the 7th March, 1810, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Merrill presented a petition of Zachariah Harwood, praying to be paid the expenses incurred by him for medicine for, and attendance on, his son while confined by sickness, contracted while a volunteer in the army of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. M'Coy,

Ordered, That the petition of Bowie & Kurtz and others, presented on the 15th of February, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Lowndes presented a petition of Nathaniel Cutting, praying for a grant of land in consideration of his long and faithful public services.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Cleveland, in the state of Ohio, praying that a light house may be erected on the shore of Lake Erie, near the entrance of the harbor of Cleveland aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, presented a petition of the president and directors, of the Auxiliary Colonization Society, of Federick county, in the state of Virginia, praying that the plan at present before the national legislature, for colonizing the free people of color of the United States, may be adopted and carried into effect.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of the representatives of the annual meeting of the society of Friends, in Baltimore.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of Joseph Hertick, presented on the 17th February, 1815.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the petition of John Rice Jones, presented on the 24th December 1816, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public

Lands, who were instructed on the 12th instant, to inquire what further provisions are necessary, for the more effectual prevention of frauds by the purchasers of public lands, made a report thereon, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of John Anderson, of the Michigan territory, which was read: when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of John Anderson, of the Michigan territory, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of Gustavus Aldrich, and Andrew S. M'Girk, and that leave be given to withdraw the former, and that the latter be referred to the Secretary of War.

Ordered, That the committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of sundry inhabitants of Bayou Beouff, and that it be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Trimble, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States, a resolution concerning R. C. Meade; reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered that he would attend to the request contained in the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House, information of the number of states, which have ratified the 13th article of the amendments to the Constitution of the United States, proposed at the second session of the Eleventh Congress.

Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Baldwin, were appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Murray,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and the Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the post route, between Millerstown in Cumberland county, and Selinsgrove in Union county, in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The House took up the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act for the relief of John Thompson," and ordered the same to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The following joint resolution was submitted by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, which was read twice and committed to the committee on the Judiciary.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representative of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby authorized to cause the laws of the United States, passed or to be passed during the present session,

Mr. Poindexter submitted the following resolution, which was read, viz:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States, to exchange with the Choctaw, Creek, Cherokee and Chickasaw tribes of Indians, or either of them, lands belonging to the United States, west of the Mississippi, for lands now in the possession and occupancy of said tribes of Indians, or either of them.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

The said resolution was amended, by striking out "*a committee be appointed,*" and inserting in liew thereof, "*the committee on the Public Lands be instructed.*"

The question was then taken to agree to the said resolution as amended:

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Moses Porter, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

The House then took up the proposition to amend the rules and orders of proceeding, submitted by Mr. Wendover on the 19th instant; and the same being amended, was agreed to by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the standing rules of this House, be so amended, that not more than three bills, originating in this House, shall be committed to the same committee of the whole House, and that such bills shall be analogous in their nature, which analogy shall be determined by the Speaker.

Mr. Taylor submitted the following joint resolution, which was read twice and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress Assembled, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office, cause to be engraved, a plate of the Surveyor General's official map of the military bounty lands, in the territory of Illinois, and cause to be printed six hundred copies thereof, subject to the future disposition of Congress.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Samuel Aikman.

An act for the relief of Joel Earwood.

An act making provision, for the establishment of additional land offices, in the territory of Missouri, were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and the act concerning the Mint," with amendments, in which they ask the con-

currence of this House. And then he withdrew. The said amendments were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Winslow and Henry Lewis; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee of Claims, on the petition of Alexander Worster; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the agreement of the committee of the whole, to the resolution submitted by the committee of Claims, amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner *ought* to be granted.

The question was stated, to concur in the amendment of the committee of the whole: when

The said resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

And the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 30th, 1817.

On motion of Mr. Clagett,

Ordered, That the petition of John Fairfield, presented on the 19th January, 1816, be referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Clagett, Mr. Livermore, and Mr. Terry, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Clagett presented a petition of Mehitable Cole, stating that she is the mother of Jack Fairfield, deceased, who was a soldier in the army of the United States in the late war, and was killed in battle, and praying that the bounty in land, to which the deceased was entitled, may be granted to her, which she is at present unable to obtain, in consequence of the said Jack Fairfield being born out of wedlock.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee last appointed.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Dean Weymouth, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted him,

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of George Smith, praying to be allowed the arrearages of pay and rations, due for his services as an officer in the revolutionary army,

Mr. Hall, of Delaware, presented a petition of John Corse, praying for a pension and for a grant of land, in consideration of wounds received whilst an officer in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Herbert presented a petition of Young Wilkinson, praying to be allowed the pay due for his services as an officer in the revolutionary army,

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Merrill,

Ordered, That the petition of Isaac Clark, presented on the 3d of April, 1816, be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. M'Coy presented a petition of John M'Causland, praying that a fine imposed upon and paid by him for failing to perform a tour of militia duty in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain, may be remitted, as he was at the time of imposing and paying the same, attached to and actually performing duty in another company.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Moore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Butler, Armstrong and Venango, in the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hitchcock presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of Paintville, New Hagerstown, and their vicinities, in the state of Ohio; which petitions respectively pray the establishment of post routes.

Mr. Ringgold presented a petition of James F. Huston, postmaster, in Fredericktown, in the state of Maryland, praying for an increase of compensation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Mercer presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Virginia, a copy of that presented by Mr. Ballard Smith on the 9th December last.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committe of the whole, to which is committed the report, in part, of the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to roads, canals, and seminaries of learning.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Berryman Green, stating that he is the proprietor of a land warrant granted by the state of Virginia for services in the revolutionary war, and that owing to the insufficiency of the lands set apart to satisfy the same, he has been unable to locate the whole of said warrant, and praying that other lands may be granted him to make up the deficiency.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Settle presented a petition of the Manumission and Colonization Society of North Carolina, praying that the plan at present before the National Legislature, for colonizing the free people of color of the United States, may be adopted and carried into effect.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on a petition from the representatives of the annual meeting of the Society of Friends, in Baltimore.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of Purley Keyes, which was read; when

Mr. Lowndes reported a bill for the relief of Purley Keyes and Jason Fairbanks; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Lowndes also made a report on the petition of Benjamin Perry, which was read; and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to *withdraw* his petition.

Mr. Williams, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Andrew J. Villard; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, also reported a bill for the relief of Abraham Byington, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Pentland, Hegins and Steele, and that it be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, reported a bill to authorize the payment of certain certificates; which was read the first and second time and committted to a committee of the whole on Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from a farther consideration of the petition of Lemuel Briggs, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Herbert, from the committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill to provide for the erection of a court house, jail, and public offices, within the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was recommitted the bill to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the state of Mississippi, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the same committee, who was instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the third section of the act to establish a government in the territory of Alabama, made a report thereon; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nelson, from the same committee, who was instructed to inquire into the expediency of building offices for the safe keeping of the records of the district courts, also made a report thereon; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nelson, from the same committee, who was instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation of the marshal of the northern district of New York, made report, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That it is not necessary to increase the compensation to the marshal of the northern district of New York.

Mr. Edwards, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States a resolution respecting the thirteenth article of the amendments to the Constitution of the United States, reported that the committee had performed that service, and were answered by the President, that he would attend to the request contained in the resolution.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for extending the provisions of an act, entitled "An act, providing for the payment of claims for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes."

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a district court in Virginia, west of the Alleghany mountain.

The following resolution, submitted by Mr. Comstock, was read and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the resolutions submitted by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, on the 9th of December last.

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide by law, for placing on the pension list, the officers of the army who have been wounded in battle during the late war with Great Britain.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of State, communicating his report on the petition of Richard Mitchell, jr. and others; which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Rich,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to David Warren, of Vermont, an increase of his pension.

On motion of Mr. Livermore,

Ordered, That the Clerk procure to be printed for the use of this House, six hundred copies of a report, bearing date the 20th February, 1800, made by James M'Henry, then Secretary of War, on the subject of claims of certain citizens of the state of Georgia, for compensation for military services rendered from the 23d of April, 1793, to the 25th of July, 1794, and all other reports of the Secretary of War on the same subject, together with the documents accompanying the said reports.

The following joint resolution, submitted by Mr. Whitman, was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That thirty copies of the laws, passed at the first and second sessions of the Fourteenth Congress, remaining in the office of the Secretary of State, be by

him deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives for the use of the members thereof.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for the relief of John Thompson,'" was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Another engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Anderson," was read the third time; and being on its passage,

A motion was made, by Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, to recommit the said bill to the committee of Claims;

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken, shall the bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to prescribe the effect which certain records and judicial proceedings of the courts of each state shall have in every other state, and in the courts of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported, that the committee had made further progress thereon, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Tayler,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 5, 1818.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of Catherine Robertson, late widow of Jacob Ritter, deceased, praying compensation for services rendered, and supplies furnished, to the revolutionary army, by the said deceased.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of Isaac Thompson, praying compensation for his services as a soldier, and subsequently as an officer, in the revolutionary army, and for a grant of the land to which he is entitled, in consideration of said services; and also, that he may be placed on the pension list.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Little presented a petition of Thomas Murray, master cooper, in the navy yard, at the city of Washington, praying to be allowed the compensation to which he conceives himself entitled, between the time of the destruction of said yard, in August, 1814,

and the time at which it was renewed in 1815, which has been withheld from him by the officers of the Navy Department.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Peter,

Ordered, That the petition of Christiana Hamilton, and Samuel S. Hamilton, presented on the 25th January, 1817, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Marr presented a petition of Henry Ayres, praying to be allowed the half pay to which he is entitled as an officer of the revolutionary army, deducting therefrom the five years full pay received by him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the President's message, which relates to the surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army.

The Speaker presented the petition of William H. Rose, heretofore presented on the 9th December, 1816; and,

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the western land district, in the state of Louisiana, praying for rights of pre-emption in the purchase of the lands on which they reside.

Mr. Robertson, also presented a petition of the mayor, aldermen and inhabitants of the city of New Orleans, praying, that in any sale of the vacant and unimproved grounds within the said city, their rights may be respected, by reserving from sale, such parts thereof, as have been, from the first settlement of the place, used in common for the health and convenience of the inhabitants of said city.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of James Dowty; a petition of Martin Rodney; a petition of John Baptiste Belfort; a petition of Hyacinthe Dehetre; a petition of Charles Sexton; a petition of Francis Allers, Joseph Reandeau, jun. Antoine Reandeau, Charles Gilbeault, John Goodbread, David Y. Horsley, John Dowson, Joseph Payne, Louis De Mun, Noel Gamlin, Louis Peltier, Adam Brown, and Thomas Y. Horsley; and a petition of Charles Lucas, assignee of Stephen Jones and Phereley Jones, respectively praying, that their titles to lands, in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a list of persons who have been placed on the pension roll of the United States, transmitted in obedience to a resolution of the 17th ultimo; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secre-

tary of War, transmitting a list of persons who have been added to the pension list of the United States since the 28th of May, 1813, transmitted in obedience to a resolution of the 18th ultimo; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting an account of moneys transferred during the late recess of Congress, from one specific appropriation to another, and showing the application of the same; which was referred to the committee on Public Expenditures.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting statements of the expenditure and application of all such moneys as have been drawn from the Treasury by him, for the year ending 30th September, 1817; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Samuel Gordon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from a farther consideration of the petition of James Warren; and that it be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Williams, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Edward Barry and George Hodge; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee of Elections, made a report on the petition of C. Hammond, contesting the election of Samuel Herrick; which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Wednesday next.

Mr. Taylor, also made a report on the case of Elias Earle, a member of the House from South Carolina; which was read and committed to the committee of the whole last appointed.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, who was instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the price of the public lands, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson, also made a report on the petition of Edmund Dana, on behalf of himself and others; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted, and that the petitioner, Edmund Dana, have leave to *withdraw* the petition.

Mr. Forsyth, from the committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill, in addition to the "Act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States," and to repeal the acts therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the committee on Foreign Relations, be discharged from a farther consideration of the petition of James Caze and John Richaud, and that it be referred to the Secretary of State.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, from the committee appointed on the subject, reported a bill making compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to the Delegates of the Territories, and repealing all other laws on that subject; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Floyd, from the committee appointed on the subject, reported a bill to extend the privilege of franking to vaccine agents of states and territories; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Thursday next.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of John M'Cauley, prize agent for the officers and crew of the brig Syren; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Edwards and John G. Stubbs," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Sawyer,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Currituck court house, to Knott's Island; also, to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Currituck court house to Powell's Point, in said county.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee on the subject of the Militia, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for organizing the general staff of the militia of the several states, upon the principles of the general staff of the army of the United States, as far as practicable.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee on the subject of the Militia, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, a system of military discipline, for the militia of the several states.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salary given to the Postmaster General.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the post road from Clarksburg to Point Pleasant, and establishing in lieu thereof, a post road from Clarksburg, by the way of Preston and Bulltown salt works, in the county of Lewis, to Charlestown, in Kanawha county.

Resolved, That the same committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Preston to Buckhanon, and of providing that the post road from Clarksburg to Beverly, shall pass by the way of Booth's Ferry and Leading Creek, instead of passing through Buckhanon.

On motion of Mr. Middleton,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making compensation by law, to the honorable William Johnson, jun. one of the Associate Judges of the United States, for extra services he was called upon to perform, during the inability of the District Judge of South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Nesbitt,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from York court house, South Carolina, by Harmony, George Carruths, Rutherfordton, Ashville, and thence direct to the Warm Springs, in North Carolina.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Columbian Insurance Company," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed resolution "Directing the procurement of certain laws," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to prescribe the effect which certain records and judicial proceedings of the courts of each state shall have in every other state, and in the courts of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported, that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 6th, 1818.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of paper, praying that a duty of two dollars per ream, may be imposed on all paper imported into the United States.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Kittery and Eliot, in the district of Maine, employed in the fisheries, praying that the duties on salt may not be repealed, or that such other relief may be afforded to them and others, engaged in the fishing business, as to Congress may seem just and proper.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of John George, praying for a pension.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of Martha Perry, widow, daughter of the late captain Joshua Huddy, of New Jersey, who, in the revolutionary war, was cruelly and wantonly put to death, by a band of tories; also, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Irving, of New York,

Ordered, That the petition of John Delafield, presented on the 29th day of December, 1815, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of Adam Kinsley and Thomas French, and a petition of Charles S. Leonard, respectively, praying to be allowed an additional compensation for arms, furnished by them under contracts with the United States.

Mr. Pitkin presented a petition of Charles Larabee, an officer in the army of the United States, praying to be paid for his baggage and other private property, which he lost in consequence of wounds received in battle, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Joseph Edrington and Benjamin Edrington, praying compensation for property lost by them while conducting a number of British prisoners to the Canada lines, under a contract with the officers of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of John S. Sullivan, stating, that he is a patentee, and the assignee of several patents granted under the authority of the laws of the United States, for inventions relating to navigation by the power of steam, and that he is unable to exercise the rights of his said patents within the state of New York, unless he obtains a license therefor from Robert R. Livingston and Robert Fulton, or their representatives, and praying such relief in the premises, as it may be in the power of Congress to grant.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Malden and South Reading, in the state of Massachusetts.

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Monongahela county, in the state of Virginia.

Mr. Pleasants presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Powhatan, Cumberland, Goochland and Montgomery, in the state of Virginia; which petitions respectively pray for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Bassett presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of iron, in the county of Northampton and state of Virginia, praying

that additional duties may be imposed on pig, bar and cast iron, imported into the United States.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of sundry merchants of the city of Baltimore, in the state of Maryland, praying that further measures may be adopted, to ensure the collection of the revenue on all goods paying an advalorem duty, and that a duty may be imposed on all sales, by auctioneers of dry good, except such as belong to the estate of deceased persons, or insolvents.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, also presented another petition of sundry merchants of Baltimore, praying that an uniform system of bankruptcy may be established thoughout the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill for that purpose.

Mr. Herbert presented a petiti n of the Columbian Institute, for the promotion of arts and sciences, established at the city of Washington, praying for an act of incorporation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Bassett presented a petition of Commodore John Rodgers, praying to be indemnified for the expenses incurred by him, in defending a suit brought against him and the late Captain John Smith, for acts committed in the discharge of their duty; which was ordered to be referred to a select committee; and Mr. Bassett, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Ervin of South Carolina, Mr. Speed, and Mr. M'Lean, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Strother presented a petition of Armistead T. Mason, contesting the election and return of Charles F. Mercer, as one of the members of this House, for the state of Virginia, and praying to be admitted to a seat in the House, in the place of the said Charles F. Mercer.

Ordered, That the said petition and documents accompanying the same, be referred to the committee of Elections.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Frederick Earnest and Frederick Williamson, sailors on board of Commodore Barney's flotilla, during the late war with Great Britain, praying for an increase of the pensions heretofore granted to them in consideration of wounds received in the battle of Bladensburg.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of sundry emigrants to the United States from Switzerland, praying that twelve townships of land, lying in some one of the territories of the United States, may be granted to them upon the same terms and conditions, as were granted at the last session of Congress, to sundry emigrants from France.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Ordered, That the petitions of sundry inhabitants of that part of Louisiana, formerly attached to West Florida, presented on the 19th February, 1816; 27th February, 1816; 12th March, 1816, and 1st February, 1817, be referred to the committee on the Pubic Lands.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry depositions and documents, on the subject of the contested election of Charles F. Mercer, a member of this House, from the state of Virginia; which were referred to the committee of Elections.

Mr. M'Coy, from the committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Bate, with the report of the Secretary of the Treasury thereon, and the bill for his relief, reported the said bill with an amendment; which was read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a farther consideration of the petition of Elisha Gordon, and that it be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Herrick, from the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill confirming the claim of William Daniel, or his legal representatives, to a tract of land in the state of Mississippi; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Herrick, also reported a bill, confirming the claim of Tobias Rheams, to a tract of land granted to him by the Spanish government; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, last appointed.

Mr. Parris, from the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to the Public Buildings and to the erection of additional public edifices, reported a bill making further provision for repairing the public buildings; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Wendover, from the committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of altering the flag of the United States, made a report, which was read; when

Mr. Wendover reported a bill to alter the flag of the United States; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of William Edwards and John G. Stubbs," was read the second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the several orders of the day, which precede the bill allowing compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to the Delegates of the Territories, and repealing all other laws on that subject, be postponed until to-morrow.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole

on the said bill; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the same, with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill, the first part of the 1st section whereof is as follows:

Sec. 1. That at every Session of Congress, and every meeting of the Senate in the recess of Congress, after the third day of March, 1817, each Senator shall be entitled to receive *nine* dollars for every day he has attended or shall attend the Senate, and shall also be allowed *nine* dollars for every twenty miles, of estimated distance, by the most usual road from his place of residence, to the seat of Congress.

A motion was made by Mr. Parris to strike out the word *nine*, where it occurs as above, and in lieu thereof to insert the word *six*.

A division of the question on this motion being called for by Mr. Colston,

It was taken on the first member thereof, to wit: on striking out the word *nine* where it first occurs, and inserting the word *six*,

And determined in the negative, { Yeas.....68. / Nays.....101.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Johnson, *Ken.*	Mr. Shaw,
Barbour, *Va.*	Lewis,	Sherwood,
Bassett,	M'Lane,	Silsbee,
Bellinger,	W. P. Maclay,	S. Smith,
Bennett,	Marr,	Bal. Smith,
Blount,	Mercer,	J. S. Smith,
Boden,	Moore,	Southard,
Boss,	Morton,	Spangler,
Burwell,	Murray,	Stuart,
Campbell,	New,	Tarr,
Comstock,	Parris,	Taylor,
Desha,	Patterson,	Townsend,
Earle,	Peter,	Trimble,
Edwards,	Quarles,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Ellicott,	Reed,	Tyler,
Gage,	Rhea,	Walker, *N. C.*
Harrison,	Rich,	Walker, *Ken.*
Hendricks,	Ross,	Westerlo,
Herbert,	Sampson,	Whiteside,
Herrick,	Sawyer,	Williams, *Con.*
Hiester,	Scudder,	Williams, *N. C.*
Holmes, *Mass.*	Settle,	Wilson, *Pen.* 68
Huntington,	Seybert,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Allen, *Vt.*	Mr. Austin,
Adams,	Anderson, *Pen.*	Ball,
Allen, *Mass.*	Anderson, *Ken.*	Barber, *Ohio.*

Mr. Bateman,	Mr. Hopkinson,	Mr. Pindall,
Bayley,	Hubbard,	Pitkin,
Beecher,	Hunter,	Pleasants,
Bloomfield,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Poindexter,
Bryan,	Jones,	Porter,
Butler,	Kinsey,	Richards,
Clagett,	Kirtland,	Ringgold,
Claiborne,	Lawyer,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Cobb,	Linn,	Robertson, *Lou.*
Colston,	Little,	Ruggles,
Cook,	Livermore,	Savage,
Crafts,	Lowndes,	Schuyler,
Crawford,	W. Maclay,	Slocumb,
Cruger,	M'Coy,	Alex. Smyth,
Cushman,	Marchand,	Speed,
Darlington,	Mason, *Mass.*	Spencer,
Drake,	Merrill,	Storrs,
Ervin, *S. C.*	Middleton,	Strong,
Folger,	Miller,	Strother,
Forney,	Moseley,	Tallmadge,
Forsyth,	Mumford,	Terrell,
Fuller,	Jer. Nelson,	Terry,
Garnett,	H. Nelson,	Tompkins,
Hale,	T. M. Nelson,	Tucker, *Va.*
Hall, *Del.*	Nesbitt,	Upham,
Hall, *N. C.*	Ogle,	Wallace,
Hasbrouck,	Orr,	Wendover,
Herkimer,	Owen,	Whitman,
Hitchcock,	Palmer,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Hogg,	Parrott,	Wilkin. 101
Holmes, *Con.*	Pawling,	

The question was then taken on the second member of the amendment, moved by Mr. Parris,

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....93, Nays.....76.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Anderson, *Pen.*	Mr. Blount,	Mr. Ellicott,
Baldwin,	Boden,	Ervin, *S. C.*
Ball,	Boss,	Forsyth,
Barbour, *Vir.*	Burwell,	Gage,
Bassett,	Campbell,	Garnett,
Bateman,	Colston,	Hall, *Del.*
Bayley,	Comstock,	Hall, *N. C.*
Beecher,	Crafts,	Hendricks,
Bellinger,	Desha,	Herbert,
Bennett,	Earle,	Herkimer,
Bloomfield,	Edwards,	Herrick,

Mr. Hiester,
Hitchcock,
Holmes, *Mass.*
Huntington,
Irving, *N. Y.*
Lewis,
Linn,
Little,
M'Lane,
W. Maclay,
W. P. Maclay,
Marr,
Mercer,
Merrill,
Moore,
Morton,
Murray,
Jer. Nelson,
H. Nelson,
New,
Mr. Parris,
Patterson,
Pawling,
Peter,
Quarles,
Reed,
Rhea,
Rich,
Ringgold,
Ross,
Sampson,
Sawyer,
Scudder,
Settle,
Seybert,
Shaw,
Sherwood,
Silsbee,
S. Smith,
Bal. Smith,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Southard,
Spangler,
Stuart,
Tarr,
Taylor,
Townsend,
Trimble,
Tucker, *S. C.*
Tyler,
Walker, *N. C.*
Walker, *Ken.*
Wallace,
Westerlo,
Whiteside,
Whitman,
Williams, *Con.*
Williams, *N. C.*
Wilkin,
Wilson, *Pen.* 93

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,
Adams,
Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *Vt.*
Anderson, *Ken.*
Austin,
Barber, *Ohio,*
Bryan,
Butler,
Clagett,
Claiborne,
Cobb,
Cook,
Crawford,
Cruger,
Cushman,
Darlington,
Drake,
Floyd,
Folger,
Forney,
Fuller,
Hale,
Harrison,
Hasbrouck,
Hogg,
Mr. Holmes, *Con.*
Hopkinson,
Hubbard,
Hunter,
Johnson, *Ken.*
Jones,
Kinsey,
Kirtland,
Lawyer,
Livermore,
Lowndes,
M'Coy,
Marchand,
Mason, *Mass.*
Middleton,
Miller,
Moseley,
Mumford,
T. M. Nelson,
Nesbitt,
Ogle,
Orr,
Owen,
Palmer,
Parrott,
Pindall,
Mr. Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Poindexter,
Porter,
Richards,
Robertson, *Ken.*
Ruggles,
Savage,
Schuyler,
Slocumb,
Alex. Smyth,
Speed,
Spencer,
Storrs,
Strong,
Strother,
Tallmadge,
Terrell,
Terry,
Tompkins,
Tucker, *Va.*
Upham,
Wendover,
Williams, *N. Y.* 76

A motion was then made, by Mr. Little, to strike out the word *nine* where it first occurs, in the said first part of the first section, and to insert in lieu thereof, the word *eight.*

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....99, Nays.....70.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Allen, *Vt.*	Mr. Hendricks,	Mr. Robertson, *Lou.*
Anderson, *Pen.*	Herbert,	Ross,
Austin,	Herkimer,	Sampson,
Baldwin,	Herrick,	Savage,
Ball,	Hiester,	Scudder,
Barbour, *Vir.*	Hitchcock,	Settle,
Bassett,	Holmes, *Mass.*	Seybert,
Bateman,	Huntington,	Shaw,
Bayley,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Sherwood,
Bellinger,	Lewis,	S. Smith,
Bennett,	Linn,	Bal. Smith,
Bloomfield,	Little,	J. S. Smith,
Blount,	Livermore,	Southard,
Boden,	M'Lane,	Spangler,
Boss,	W. Maclay,	Speed,
Burwell,	W. P. Maclay,	Tarr,
Campbell,	Marr,	Taylor,
Claiborne,	Merrill,	Tompkins,
Comstock,	Moore,	Townsend,
Cook,	Morton,	Trimble,
Crafts,	H. Nelson,	Tucker, *Va.*
Cruger,	T. M. Nelson,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Desha,	New,	Tyler,
Drake,	Parris,	Upham,
Earle,	Peter,	Walker, *N. C.*
Edwards,	Pleasants,	Walker, *Ken.*
Ellicott,	Poindexter,	Wallace,
Ervin, *S. C.*	Porter,	Westerlo,
Floyd,	Quarles,	Whiteside,
Gage,	Reed,	Williams, *Con.*
Garnett,	Rhea,	Williams, *N. C.*
Hale,	Rich,	Wilkin,
Harrison,	Richards,	Wilson, *Pen.* 99

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Cobb,	Mr. Hall, *Del.*
Adams,	Colston,	Hall, *N. C.*
Allen, *Mass.*	Crawford,	Hasbrouck,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Cushman,	Hogg,
Barber, *Ohio,*	Darlington,	Holmes, *Con.*
Beecher,	Folger,	Hopkinson,
Bryan,	Forney,	Hubbard,
Butler,	Forsyth,	Hunter,
Clagett,	Fuller,	Irving, *N. Y.*

Mr. Jones,	Mr. Ogle,	Mr. Slocumb,
Kinsey,	Orr,	Alex. Smith,
Kirtland,	Owen,	Spencer,
Lawyer,	Palmer,	Storrs,
Lowndes,	Parrott,	Strong,
M'Coy,	Patterson,	Strother,
Marchand,	Pawling,	Stuart,
Mason, *Mass.*	Pindall,	Tallmadge,
Mercer,	Pitkin,	Terrell,
Middleton,	Ringgold,	Terry,
Miller,	Robertson, *Ken.*	Wendover,
Moseley,	Ruggles,	Whitman,
Mumford,	Sawyer,	Williams, *N. Y.* 70
Murray,	Schuyler,	
Nesbitt,	Silsbee,	

A motion was made by Mr. Little to reconsider the vote taken on the second member of the amendment, proposed by Mr. Parris, to wit: to strike out the word *nine* where it last occurs in the aforesaid first part of the first section of the said bill, and to insert in lieu thereof the word *six*.

And the question being taken; will the House reconsider the said vote?

It passed in the affirmative.

The question was then again taken on the said second member of the amendment, moved by Mr. Parris;

And was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Little, to strike out the word *nine*, where it last occurs as aforesaid, and in lieu thereof to insert the word *eight*.

And the question being taken thereon;

It passed in the affirmative.

The said bill being further amended;

Mr. Speed moved further to amend the same, by inserting after the word *last*, in the twenty-seventh line of the first section, the following words, "*Nor shall any Senator, Representative, or Delegate, receive more for travel to the present session of Congress;*"

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

The said bill was still further amended, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 7th, 1818.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of Daniel Stoddard, praying for a pension.

Mr. Murray presented a petition of Robert Lyon, praying compensation for services as an officer in the revolutionary army, and that he may be placed on the pension list.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of William W. Haddock, and Thomas W. Jenkins, merchants of New York, stating, that, whilst their ship was proceeding from Wales to New York, with a cargo of slate, she was compelled by stress of weather to put into Halifax, and was there found to be so disabled, as to render it necessary to transfer the cargo to other vessels, which they did, and as there was no American vessels in port, they were compelled to employ British, and that upon the arrival of the said cargo in New York, it was charged with foreign duty and light money on foreign vessels, and as the voyage was expensive and disastrous, they pray that they may not be compelled to pay other charges, than they would have paid, had their own vessel brought the cargo into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Palmer presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Clinton county in the state of New York, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Cushman presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Troy in the state of New York, also praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Palmer also presented a petition of Allen R. Moare, praying compensation for damages committed on his property, while the same was in the occupation of the troops of the United States, and that he may be paid for other property belonging to him, and destroyed, by order of general Macomb, during the military operations in and near Plattsburg, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Bloomfield presented a similar petition of Henry Delord, of Plattsburg aforesaid.

Mr. Spangler presented a petition of William Barber, administrator on the estate of Conrad Laub, deceased, praying that he may be paid the compensation promised, by the proper officer to the said Laub, for extra services performed by him while a collector of internal duties.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Bloomfield presented a petition of Lewis J. Costigan, praying compensation for services rendered as an officer in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of George Reynolds, also praying compensation for services rendered as an officer in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the President's message, which relates to the Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary army.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of sundry merchants and underwriters in the city of Philadelphia, praying to be paid the amount of certain claims, which they held upon the government of France, for spoliations on their lawful commerce by the cruizers of that nation, prior to the year 1800, as by a treaty made subsequently to that period, their said claims have been abandoned by the government of the United States; which petition was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, Mr. Middleton, Mr. Williams, of Connecticut, and Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Middleton presented a similar petition from the merchants and underwriters in Charleston, South Carolina, which was referred to the committee last mentioned.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of Charles Reaum, praying compensation for losses sustained by depredations on his property by the British and Indians during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on a petition from sundry inhabitants of the river Raisin.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That the petitions of the heirs of John Baptiste Baudreau, presented on the 18th January, 1815, and 14th December, 1815; and,

The petition of John Burnett, senr. presented on the 6th December, 1816, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of Diego M'Voy, praying that his title to a tract of land, in the territory of Alabama may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the petition of John Brickey, presented on the 17th December, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the petition of Archibald M'Donald, presented on the 24th January, 1817, be referred to the committee on Military Affairs; and that the petition of John and Sarah Thompson, presented on the 11th December, 1816, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on Public Lands, made a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Marthasville, in the territory of Missouri, which was read; and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Robertson made a report on the petition of Nathaniel Cutting, which was read; and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, that the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Samuel Tucker; which motion was rejected by the House.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of causing to be printed, the secret journals of the proceedings of the Congress of the United States, down to the treaty of peace in 1783, together with the correspondence of the government of the United States, with the ministers and agents thereof in foreign countries, down to the same period of time.

Resolved, That the same committee be also instructed to inquire into the expediency of causing to be printed the journal of the general convention, which framed the constitution of the United States, and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Mercer, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Pleasants, and Mr. Spencer, were appointed the said committee.

The House took up the unfavorable report of the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, on the petition of Edmund Brooke: when

A motion was made by Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, to amend the resolution contained in the said report, so as to make it read "*That the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted:*" wherefore, it was

Ordered, That the said report be committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of the expenditure and application of the moneys drawn from the Treasury, on account of the navy, during the year ending 30th September, 1817, and of the unexpended balances of former appropriations; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker, also laid before the House, another letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of contracts, made by the Commissioners of the Navy Board, during the year 1817; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker, also laid before the House, another letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting two statements, which show the names of the clerks in the Navy Department, and in the office of the Commissioners of the Navy Board during the year 1817, with the compensation paid to each; which was ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills from this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act to remit the duty on a painting, presented to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

An act for the relief of Samuel Aikman: and

An act for the relief of Joel Earwood:

With amendments on the two latter, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendments were read and severally referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Rich, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That during the remainder of the session, the House shall adjourn to meet at eleven o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, laid before the House the following letter and statement:

Washington City, 6th January, 1818.

The Honorable Lewis Williams.

Honored Sir,

I return you thanks for the attention I received on my claims to pass so soon.

Mr. Lee, will hand some claims from the river Raisin, which will pass through your honorable committee, and I have a wish that the conduct of the British in that country, may be related in full on the floor of Congress; which will give you some trouble in making out the report, and supporting the same.

I have now to request that you will accept of the small sum of five hundred dollars, as part pay for the extra trouble I give you. I will present it to you so soon as I receive some from government. This is confidential, that only you and me may know any thing about it; or, in other words, I give it to you as a man and a mason, and hope you belong to that society. Sir, should it happen that you will not accept of this small sum, I request you will excuse me. If you do not accept I wish you to drop me a few lines. If you accept I wish no answer. I hope you will see my view on this object, that it is for extra trouble.

I will make out a statement and present the same to the committee, which will be supported by general Harrison, colonel Johnson, Mr. Halbard, Mr. Meigs, post master general, governor Cass's report, as commissioner, and others. Relying on your honor as to keeping this a secret, and your exertions in passing those claims as soon as possible, I need not inform you that we are as poor unfortunate orphan children, having no representation in Congress, so must look on your honorable body as our gurdians. Pardon this liberty from a stranger. I remain with high esteem, your most obedient humble servant.

(Signed) JOHN ANDERSON.

After breakfast this morning, George, a servant, came into the dining room, and told me that a gentleman was in my room waiting

to see me: I stepped into my room, and colonel John Anderson was there. He handed me a letter, observing at the same time, that he had prepared that letter for me, and that perhaps it would require some explanation. I read over the letter with attention; and having done so, observed to colonel Anderson it was a very surprizing communication. I then started to Mr. Wilson's room, immediately adjoining my own. When in the act of opening my own door, colonel Anderson begged I would not show the letter. I made no reply to this, but stepped to Mr. Wilson's room and asked him to do me the favor to walk into my room. This Mr. Wilson did, following on immediately behind me. After we had got into my room, in the presence of colonel Anderson, I handed the letter to Mr. Wilson, and observing that it was a very extraordinary communication, requested him to read it. When Mr. Wilson had read, or was nearly done reading the letter, I told colonel Anderson that I repelled with indignation and contempt, the offer he made to me in the letter. Colonel Anderson said, he asked my pardon, that it was designed only as a small compensation for the extra trouble he expected to give the committee of Claims, in examining the claims from the Michigan territory, and exposing the conduct of the British during the war. That it was foreign from his intention to attempt any thing like a bribe, and requested me to burn the letter or to give it to him. I told him I would do neither. That his offence was unpardonable, such as I could not forgive, and ordered him to leave the room instantly. Colonel Anderson then begged pardon and asked forgiveness with excessive earnestness. I told him I would listen to none of his apologies. That his offence was an attack upon the integrity of Congress generally, and upon mine personally and particularly. That no one should ever have my pardon, or expect my forgiveness, who should suppose me capable of such an influence as he had attempted to practise upon me. Again I told colonel Anderson to leave my room. He advanced to the door where he stood for some time endeavoring to obtain my pardon, as he said. *I told him it was in vain to ask it, that as a member of Congress and of the committee of Claims, it was my duty to examine his claims, and if just, support them, but if unjust, to oppose them. That his offer was an attempt at bribery; was an attempt to influence my mind in opposition to my duty, and as such could not be forgiven. He then desired me either to burn the letter, or give it to him. I replied that I should do neither, and again ordered him to leave my room: whereupon he did leave the room. Mr. Wilson after talking on the subject of the letter for some time, suggested to me the propriety of calling in Mr. William P. Maclay. I stepped to his room, but as Mr. William P. Maclay was not in, I asked Mr. William Maclay, the room mate of Mr. William P. Maclay, to come to my room. He complied with my request; and shortly after we arrived in my room, Mr. William P. Maclay also stepped in. These gentlemen, Mr. Wilson, Mr. William Maclay, and Mr. William P. Maclay were in my room at the time the servant called to Mr. Wilson and said a gentleman was below wishing to see him. Mr. Wilson walked out of the room, and was gone a few minutes. After he returned, he observed that colonel Anderson was the person who had*

sent for him; that colonel Anderson's business was to obtain his interference, to put a stop to further proceedings on the subject of his letter to me. The precise conversation between Mr. Wilson and colonel Anderson, can be related by the former with minuteness.

(Signed) LEWIS WILLIAMS.

January 7th, 1818.

The said letter and statement being read;

On motion of Mr. Forsyth,

Resolved, *unanimously*, that Mr. Speaker do issue his warrant, directed to the sergeant at arms attending this House, commanding him to take into custody, wherever to be found, the body of John Anderson, and the same in his custody to keep, subject to the further order and direction of this House.

A warrant pursuant to the said resolution was accordingly prepared, signed by Mr. Speaker under his seal, attested by the Clerk, and delivered to the sergeant with orders forthwith to execute the same, and make due return thereof to the House.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act allowing compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and the delegates of the territories, and repealing all other laws on that subject," was read the third time; and being on its passage;

Mr. Harrison submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the said bill be recommitted to the select committee which reported it, and that they be instructed so to amend the same, as to limit the compensation of the members of the present Congress to six dollars per diem, and the same allowance for every twenty miles in going and returning to the seat of government, and to the members of the succeeding Congresses eight dollars per diem.

A division of the question on this motion, was called for by Mr. Poindexter, and being taken on the first part thereof, to wit: shall the said bill be recommitted to the select committee?

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken, shall the said bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....109, Nays.....60.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Austin,	Mr. Bloomfield,
Adams,	Ball,	Bryan,
Allen, *Mass.*	Barber, *Ohio*,	Butler,
Allen, *Vt.*	Bateman,	Clagett,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Bayley,	Claiborne,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Beecher,	Colston,

Mr. Comstock,
Cook,
Crafts,
Crawford,
Cruger,
Culbreth,
Cushman,
Darlington,
Drake,
Earle,
Ellicott,
Floyd,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Fuller,
Gage,
Garnett,
Hale,
Hall, *Del.*
Hall, *N. C.*
Herkimer,
Hitchcock,
Hogg,
Holmes, *Con.*
Hopkinson,
Hubbard,
Hunter,
Irving, *N. Y.*
Johnson, *Ken.*
Jones,
Kinsey,
Mr. Kirtland,
Lawyer,
Linn,
Little,
Lowndes,
W. Maclay,
W. P. Maclay,
M'Coy,
Marchand,
Mason, *Mass.*
Merrill,
Middleton,
Moore,
Moseley,
Jer. Nelson,
H. Nelson,
T. M. Nelson,
Nesbitt,
Orr,
Owen,
Palmer,
Parrott,
Patterson,
Pawling,
Peter,
Pindall,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Porter,
Rich,
Mr. Richards,
Ringgold,
Robertson, *Ken.*
Robertson, *Lou.*
Ruggles,
Savage,
Schuyler,
Scudder,
Settle,
Slocumb,
Alex. Smyth,
Spangler,
Speed,
Storrs,
Strong,
Stuart,
Tallmadge,
Tarr,
Terrell,
Terry,
Tompkins,
Townsend,
Tucker, *Va.*
Upham,
Walker, *N. C.*
Wallace,
Wendover,
Williams, *N. Y.*
Wilkin,
Wilson, *Pen.* 10

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Baldwin,
Barbour, *Va.*
Bassett,
Bellinger,
Bennett,
Blount,
Boden,
Boss,
Burwell,
Campbell,
Cobb,
Desha,
Edwards,
Ervin, *S. C.*
Folger,
Harrison,
Hasbrouck,
Hendricks,
Herbert,
Herrick,
Mr. Hiester,
Holmes, *Mass.*
Huntington,
Lewis,
Livermore,
M'Lane,
Marr,
Mercer,
Miller,
Morton,
Mumford,
Murray,
New,
Ogle,
Parris,
Poindexter,
Quarles,
Reed,
Rhea,
Ross,
Mr. Sampson,
Sawyer
Shaw,
Sherwood,
Silsbee,
S. Smith,
Bal. Smith,
J. S. Smith,
Southard,
Spencer,
Strother,
Taylor,
Trimble,
Tucker, *S. C.*
Tyler,
Walker, *Ken.*
Whiteside,
Whitman,
Williams, *Con.*
Williams, *N. C.* 60

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriations for repairing the public buildings; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported the same with an amendment; which was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to prescribe the effect which certain records and judicial proceedings of the courts of each state shall have in every other state, and in the courts of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 8, 1818.

Another member, to wit: from New York, David A. Ogden, appeared, produced his credentials and took his seat; the oath to support the constitution of the United States, being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Parrott,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry merchants of Portsmouth in New Hampshire, presented on the 15th February, 1817; and,

On motion of Mr. Nelson, of Massachusetts,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry merchants and other inhabitants of Newburyport, in Massachusetts, presented on the 2d January, 1817, be referred to the committee appointed yesterday on the petition of sundry merchants of Philadelphia.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of sundry merchants of Baltimore, of a similar nature to that presented yesterday, from sundry merchants of Philadelphia, which petition from the merchants of Baltimore, was also referred to the last mentioned committee.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of sundry merchants of Belfast, in the District of Maine, praying for the establishment of an uniform system of bankruptcy, which was referred to the committee of the whole on the bill for that purpose.

Mr. Folger presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Eastham, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that a light house may be erected on the southwest part of Billinsgate Point.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Ball,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the Nor-

thern Neck of Virginia, presented on the 23d July, 1813, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Moseley

Ordered, That the petition of Andrew Law, presented on the 1st February, 1816, be referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Mosely, Mr. Hitchcock, and Mr. Huntington, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Phelps, Farmington, Palmyra, and Perrinton, in the state of New York; and a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Steuben, Alleghany, and Cattaragus, in the said state, respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Mr. Robertson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Daniel Barbee, postmaster in the town of Danville, in the state of Kentucky, praying for an increase of his compensation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Savage presented a petition of Stephen Clapp, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying that the commutation of the half pay, to which he was entitled for his services as aforesaid, may now be allowed and paid to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Robertson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Cornelius Taylor, praying for a pre-emption right in the purchase of a tract of land on which he resides, lying in the territory of Illinois.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Charles Smith, praying to be permitted to purchase, at two dollars per acre, a certain tract of public ground in the state of Louisiana, on which he proposes at his own expense to erect a church and a school house, for the use and convenience of the inhabitants of that part of the country.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts,

Ordered, That the petitions of Joseph Cutts, presented on the 14th February, 1816, and the 15th March, 1816, be severally referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the territory of Missouri, praying that the said territory may be erected into a state, and admitted into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states.

Ordered, That the said petitions lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry documents, in relation to the contested election of Charles F. Mercer, one of the Representatives for the state of Virginia.

Ordered, That the said documents be referred to the committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Daniel Fisher, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Spencer, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the Tuscarora tribe of Indians, made a report thereon, which was read; and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Plesants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill authorizing John Taylor to be placed on the list of navy pensioners; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Linn,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law, a standard of weights and measures; and,

Mr. Linn, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Seybert, Mr. Lowndes, and Mr. Ogden, were appointed the said committee.

The following resolution submitted by Mr. Walker, of North Carolina, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That it is expedient to inquire whether any, and if any, what alteration is necessary in the several laws now in force, to make a further provision for the purpose of issuing warrants to the soldiers of the late army of the United States, in order to obtain their patents for their military bounty lands, promised to them at their enlistment; and that this subject be submitted to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Livermore submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Private Land Claims be instructed to inquire, whether in any case, further time than is already prescribed by law, ought to be allowed for the redemption of lands, sold for direct taxes, and purchased by collectors in behalf of the United States, pursuant to law.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

The said resolution was amended by directing the inquiry to be made by the committee of Ways and Means, instead of the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Rich,

The said resolution was then further amended, by adding thereto the following:

"And that the said committee be also instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law, to enable persons whose lands may have been sold for the payment of the direct tax, to redeem the same by paying such sum only, as said lands shall be justly charged with, together with reasonable costs and interests."

The said resolution was then agreed to as amended.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making further provision for repairing the public buildings," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to provide for paying to the state of Indiana three per cent. of the nett proceeds, arising from the sales of the United States' lands within the same.

An act to allow the benefit of drawback on merchandise transported by land conveyance, from Bristol to Boston, and from Boston to Bristol, in like manner as if the same were transported coastwise; in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The first of the said bills from the Senate, was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The last mentioned bill from the Senate was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to prescribe the effects which certain records and judicial proceedings of the courts of each state shall have in every other state, and in the courts of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

The Speaker communicated to the House, that the sergeant-at-arms had executed the warrant, awarded by this House and issued on yesterday, against John Anderson, and had the body of the said John Anderson in custody, to await the further order of the House in his case; whereupon,

Mr. Forsyth moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of privileges, to consist of seven members, be appointed, and that said committee be instructed to report, a mode of proceeding in the case of John Anderson, who has been taken into custody by order of the House; and that the said committee have leave to sit immediately.

The resolution was agreed to; and,

Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Pitkin, and Mr. Taylor, were appointed a committee of privileges pursuant to the provisions thereof.

The committee retired and after some time returned; when Mr. Forsyth made the following report, viz.

The committee of privileges according to the instructions given them, report the following resolution:

Resolved, That John Anderson he brought to the bar of the House, and interrogated by the Speaker, on written interrogatories, touching the charge of writing and delivering a letter to a member of the House offering him a bribe, which, with his answers thereto, shall be entered on the minutes of the House; and that every question proposed by a member, be reduced to writing, and a motion made, that the same be put by the Speaker; and the question and answer, shall be entered on the minutes of the House. That after such interrogatories are answered, if the House deem it necessary to make further inquiry on the subject, the same be conducted, by a committee to be appointed for that purpose:

Which being read;

Mr. Beecher moved to commit the same to a commmittee of the whole House to-day.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on agreeing to the said resolution,

And passed in the affirmative.

The said John Anderson then appeared at the bar of the House, in custody of the sergent-at-arms: When, Mr. Speaker addressed him as follows: "You have been brought before this House, in consequence of having written and delivered to a member, who is chairman of one of the committees of this House, a letter, with the character and contents of which you must be well acquainted. Before I proceed to propound to you any interrogatories on this subject, I will inform you that if you have any request to make of the House; if you wish for counsel; for reasonable time to prepare your defence; for witnesses, or for any other privilege whatever belonging to persons in similar situations, the House will take your request into consideration. If you do not wish for time, for counsel, or for witnesses, and are now ready to proceed in your trial, I will put to you such interrogatories as may seem to be proper."

To which he answered, that he was a stranger here; had some friends here, though but few; that he desired the assistance of *counsel*, and compulsory process to obtain the attendance of witnesses in his favor, which he thought he could procure by to-morrow.

He was then remanded, and retired in custody of the sergeant-at-arms.

When Mr. Forsyth moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That John Anderson be allowed counsel according to his request; that he have until to-morrow till one o'clock, to procure the testimony he may wish; and that the Clerk of this House be directed to furnish the necessary process, to compel the attendance of such witnesses on his behalf as he may name:

Which being read;

Mr. Herrick moved to amend the same, by subjoining thereto the following:

"And that the said John Anderson be furnished by the Clerk, with a copy of the letter, which is the ground of the proceeding

against him; and also the accompanying statement from the member from North Carolina."

And the question being taken thereon;

It passed in the affirmative.

The resolution as amended, was then agreed to by the House.

The said John Anderson was again brought to the bar.

And the provisions of the said resolution were communicated to him by Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon, he was remanded into custody as aforesaid.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 9, 1818.

Another member, to wit: from Rhode Island, James B. Mason, appeared, produced his credentials and took his seat; the oath to support the constitution of the United States, being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of Richard Frothingham, praying compensation for his services as an officer in the revolutionary army, and for a grant of the land to which he is entitled, in consideration of his services as aforesaid.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of James Taylor, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of Moses Hall, praying for the remission of such part of the duties, secured to be paid by him on his distillery as remains unpaid, in consequence of his utter inability to pay the same, owing to the great depression in the price of domestic spirits, which has taken place since the late war.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of cotton and woollen goods, residing in the city of Baltimore, praying that the duties at present imposed on imported cotton and woollen goods may be made permanent; and that such other measures may be adopted for the protection of the manufacturers of domestic goods, as Congress, may, in their wisdom, deem just and proper.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of sundry merchants of Norfolk, in Virginia, similar to that presented on the 7th instant, from sundry merchants of Philadelphia.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the said petition from the merchants of Philadelphia.

On motion of Mr. Hopkinson,

Ordered, That the petition of the religious society of Friends in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and the Eastern Shore of Maryland, presented on the 9th January, 1817, be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of the representatives of the society of Friends in Baltimore.

Mr. M'Lane presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Stanton and Newark Turnpike Company, in the state of Delaware, praying that some officer of the general government may be authorized to subscribe for a part of the capital stock of the said company.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning.

Mr. Middleton presented a petition of Joseph Wellington Page, praying compensation for his trouble and expenses in procuring testimony, by which the United States was enabled to obtain judgment against a certain B. Lafon, for a violation of one of the late acts, laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of New Philadelphia, in the state of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of silver plated saddlery, coach and harness furniture, and others, residing in the city of Philadelphia, praying that the protection of the government may be liberally extended to the various manufacturing establishments of the country.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Jarvis Loomis, and James Bassett, sailing masters in the navy of the United States, praying extra compensation for meritorious services, rendered by them in capturing and destroying a post, manned and defended by runaway negroes and hostile Indians, in the southern country, in the year 1816.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee of Elections, made the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

The committee of Elections further report in part, that they have examined the certificates of elections and other credentials of the following members, and find them sufficient to entitle them to seats in this House, to wit: From the state of Massachusetts, Timothy Fuller. From the state of New Jersey, Ephraim Bateman. From the state of North Carolina, Joseph H. Bryan, and Lemuel Sawyer. From the state of South Carolina, James Ervin, and Henry Middleton. From the state of Tennessee, Francis Jones.

Mr. Harrison from the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to the militia, made a report; which was read; when

Mr. Harrison reported a bill to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia; for calling them into the service of the United States; for governing them therein, and for compensating them for their services; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole on Thursday next.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on the Expenditures in the War Department, to whom was referred, on the 16th ultimo, the report of the same committee, made on the 1st March, 1817, upon the subject of a contract between colonel Elias Earle and the War Department, made a report thereon; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, to whom was committed the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Aikman," reported the agreement of the committee to the same.

The said amendments were then read and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Robertson also reported the agreement of the said committee, to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joel Earwood," with an amendment; which was read and concurred in by the House.

The said amendments were then read, and concurred in by the House as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Harrison submitted the following proposition of amendment to the constitution of the United States; which was read and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill this day reported, for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia, &c.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring therein, That the following amendment to the constitution of the United States, be proposed to the legislatures of the several states, which, when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of said states, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as a part of the said constitution:

Congress shall, concurrently with the states, have power to provide for training the militia, according to the discipline prescribed for that purpose, and whilst engaged in that service, they shall be subject to the rules and regulations prescribed for the government of the militia, when in the military service of the United States, and also, to provide for teaching, in the primary schools and other seminaries of learning in the several states, the system of discipline prescribed for the militia.

On motion of Mr. Hale,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road, from Hartford, in the state of Connecticut, through the towns on the east bank of Connecticut River, to Hanover in

the state of New Hampshire; and also as to the expediency of establishing a post road from Cornish, through the Parish of Meriden, in Plainfield, to Lebanon.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of Catharine Young, with the accompanying documents.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the resolution from this House, "directing the procurement of certain laws," with an amendment, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Spencer submitted the following preamble and resolutions.

The House of Representatives, entertaining great doubts of its possessing the competent power to punish John Anderson for his contempt to the House, and his outrage upon one its of members:

Resolved, That all further proceedings in this House against the said John Anderson, do cease, and that he be discharged from the custody of the sergeant-at-arms.

Resolved, That the attorney general of the United States be directed to institute such proceedings against the said John Anderson, for his said offence, as may be agreeable to the laws of the United States, and of the District of Columbia.

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the punishment of any contempt of the Senate or House of Representatives of the United States, and of any breach of the privileges of either House.

The said preamble and resolutions were read, and the question was stated to agree thereto:

And debate arising thereon;

The House adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 10, 1818.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of the town of Newfield, in the county of York and state of Massachusetts.

Mr. Ingham presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Cape Girardeau, New Madrid, Lawrence, and Arkansas, in the territory of Missouri.

Mr. Strother presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Fauquier, in the state of Virginia, respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Mr. Bassett presented a petition of William Burgh, postmaster at Hampton, in the state of Virginia, praying for an increase of his compensation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of George H. Brown.

Mr. Bassett presented another petition of William Brough, respectively praying for pensions.

Mr. William P. Maclay presented a petition of Joseph Davis,

praying compensation for services rendered, as a wagoner in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Speaker presented the petition of Bernard Gaines, heretofore presented on the 9th January, 1817.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of Alexander Foresman, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted to him.

Ordered, That the said petitions and documents be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of the American Society, for the promotion and encouragement of domestic manufacturers, praying for the interposition of Congress to secure to the manufacturing establishments within the United States, that protection and encouragement which the existing laws were intended to afford.

Mr. William P. Maclay, and Mr. Baldwin, respectively presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying that additional duties may be imposed on pig, bar, and cast iron, imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Joseph Landon, praying to be exonerated from the payment of judgments obtained against him, as one of the sureties of a certain Bateman Fisk, in bonds given to secure the payment of duties imposed on his distillery.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of John King and Joseph Shankland, praying compensation for supplies, clothing, and board furnished a part of the crew of the United States' Brig Vixen, in the year 1813.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Marr,

Ordered, That the petition of Henry Williams, presented on the 24th December, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Herbert presented a petion of sundry merchants of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the same effect with the petition of the merchants of Philadelphia, presented on the 7th inst.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the said petition from the merchants of Philadelphia.

Mr. Barber, of Ohio, presented a petition of Peter Snider, praying for a grant of the land on which he resides in the state of Ohio, for reasons stated in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of John Work, praying compensation for provisions furnished a detachment of militia while in the service of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter directed to the Congress of the United States, from a certain Carl Theodore Mohr, residing in Wallendorf, Germany, offering to come to America upon certain conditions, and to establish a manufactory of porcelain; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of John and Sarah Thompson, and Polly Potter, and that the former be referred to the Secretary of War, and the latter to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Middleton, from the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to the introduction of slaves from Amelia Island, made report; which was read; when,

Mr. Middleton reported a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States;" passed 2d March, 1817; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on the 19th instant.

On motion of Mr. Sergeant,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing a drawback upon refined sugar exported from the United States.

The Speaker laid before the House, sundry documents transmitted to him in relation to the contested election of Charles F. Mercer; which was referred to the committee of Elections.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from John Anderson, communicating his desire that any constitutional or other question which may have arisen to prevent his further examination at the bar of the House, may be waived; and also informing the House that he has declined the assistance of counsel.

Ordered, That the said letter lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted yesterday by Mr. Spencer; when,

Mr. Forsyth moved that the said resolutions be laid on the table, that the House may proceed to the examination of the accused;

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on agreeing to the said resolutions;

And after farther debate thereon;

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 12, 1818.

Mr. Butler presented a petition of Daniel Morrill, praying compensation for his services, and for clothing to which he was entitled, as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of Benjamin Pincion, praying for a pension.

Mr. Nelson, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Joseph

Noyes, and a petition of Nathaniel Ladd, praying for an increase of the pensions heretofore granted to them, respectively.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of William M'Farland, also praying for an increase of his pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, of Massachusetts,

Ordered, That the petition of Lemuel Coffin, presented on the 30th December, 1805, be also referred to the same committee.

Mr. Whitman presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the District of Maine, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Nelson, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Paul Parker, stating that his land has been sold for the direct tax of 1814; that he is an illiterate man, and was ignorant of the imposition of the said tax and of the sale of his property; and praying such relief as it may be in the power of Congress to grant him.

Mr. Nelson also presented a similar petition from William Stanwood, Josias Cass, Moses Rogers, Samuel Carr, Caleb M. Woodman, Enos Bartlett, Joseph Morse, William Carr, and Mary Sawyer

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying that additional duties may be imposed on bar, pig, and cast iron, imported into the United States.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Paul Beck, jr. and Thomas Sparks, manufacturers of shot in Philadelphia, praying that additional duties may be imposed on all foreign shot imported into the United States

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Ogden presented a petition of George R. Wells, stating that whilst a lieutenant in the army, during the late war, he arrested certain individuals, residing in Saint Lawrence county, in the state of New York, in obedience to orders which he received, from the then colonel Z. M. Pike, and conveyed them to Sackett's Harbor; that the said individuals have since recovered damages against him, for false imprisonment; and that he is now confined in prison in consequence thereof; and praying such relief in the premises as to Congress shall seem meet and proper.

Mr. Boden presented a petition of Sampson S. King, late a major in the army of the United States, stating that in consequence of the loss of his vouchers, he is unable to settle his accounts at the War Department; and praying such relief in the premises as to Congress may seem meet and proper.

Mr. Strother presented a petition of John Craine, praying payment for a final settlement certificate, issued in the year 1784.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Savage

Ordered, That the petition of Francis L. Harrison, presented on the 18th day of January 1817, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Whiteside presented the petition of John Fowler, praying for the renewal of a patent granted to him in 1797, for a new and useful improvement in constructing bridges.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Arend Rutgers, assignee of William Dunn; a petition of Israel Hill, and a petition of the representatives of Isidore La Croix, respectively praying that their titles to lands in the territory of Misssouri may be confirmed.

Ordered that the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, of Kentucky,

Ordered, That the petition of Josias Bullock, presented on the 30th January 1811; and

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That the several petitions of Edwin Lewis, presented on the 25th January, 1805, the 24th December, 1805, the 19th February, 1811, the 13th November, 1811, the 21st November, 1812 and the 4th January, 1816, be also referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Williams, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of John B. Joyal, which was read and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency and policy of amending the act, entitled "*An act relating to settlers on the lands of the United States;*" so that all settlers on public lands who have not leased from the United States, shall remain thereon in peaceable possession, one year from the expiration of the existing laws on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Hogg,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post rout from Glawgow, in the state of Kentucky, through Gallatin and Lebanon, to Murfreesborough in the state of Tennessee.

Resolved, also, That the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post rout from Mount Richardson in Jackson county, (passing down on the south side of Cumberland River) to Lebanon, in the state of Tennessee.

On motion of Mr. Moore,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Beaver Town, in the county of Beaver, to the town of Butler, in the county of Butler, in the state of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the making diposable, like other public lands, such parts and portions of the lead mines, and salt springs in the Missouri Territory, as shall be deemed not of sufficient extent or value to be retained by the government, reserving such only as shall be deemed of sufficient extent and value for the public use.

The House took up the amendments proposed by the Senate to the resolution "directing the procurement of certain laws;" and the same being read, were concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred in the amendment proposed by this House, to their amendment to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joel Earwood:" and they have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Winslow and Henry Lewis," with an amendment, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Speed, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

An act to prolong the continuance of the mint at Philadelphia.

An act to remit the duty on a painting presented to the Pennsylvania Hospital; and,

And an act for the relief of Samuel Aikman;

And had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted on the 9th instant, by Mr. Spencer, concerning John Anderson; when

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, to amend the preamble perfixed to the said resolutions, by striking out these words, viz: "*entertaining great doubts of its;*"

And after debate thereon,

The House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 13, 1818.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of the Vermont Mineral Factory Company, praying that an additional duty of one dollar a ton may be imposed on foreign copperas, imported into the United States.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Ashtabula, in the state of Ohio, praying that a new collection district, for the collection of duties on import and tonnage, may be established on the waters of Lake Erie, within the said state.

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of silver plated saddlery, coach, and harness furniture, residing in Lexington, in the state of Kentucky, praying that additional duties may be imposed on those articles imported into the United States.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of Jacob Ritter, merchant of Philadelphia, praying to be allowed the drawback to which he is entitled for the exportation of a quantity of merchandise, which he is unable to obtain, in consequence of failing to take the necessary oaths in due time.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Palmer presented a petition of Samuel Buell, late collector of the customs for the district of Vermont, praying that some person residing in the said district, may be authorized to adjust and settle his accounts with the United States, and admit to his credit certain items which have been rejected by the Comptroller of the Treasury, in consequence of his want of power to admit the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Comstock presented a petition of Doctor James Smith, agent for the dissemination of the vaccine matter, praying that further measures may be adopted to ensure the free supply of vaccine matter to every citizen of the United States; and that additional pecuniary aid may be afforded, so as to enable him to keep up an uninterrupted supply of the said matter; which was read and referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Comstock, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Abbott, and Mr. Hall, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Bassett presented a petition of Thomas Griffin, praying that the Secretary of the Treasury may be directed to pay him the amount of certain bills, drawn on the Treasury of the United States, in virtue of the treaty with France, ceding Louisiana to the United States; for reasons set forth in the petition.

Mr. Forsyth presented a petition of Joseph Bevan, praying for a remission of duties imposed on a highly improved steam engine imported by him from Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of Samuel Sprigg, praying that certain moneys paid by him to the United States, for a tract of land lying within the state of Ohio, may be refunded, for reasons set forth in the petition.

Mr. Robertson of Louisiana, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of West Florida, praying that certain claims to lands in that country, which the petitioners alledge were obtained for the purposes of speculation, may not be confirmed.

Ordered, that the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Speed presented a petition of Sarah Weathers, daughter and only child, of Thomas H. Boyle, deceased, late a major in the revolutionary army, praying compensation for the services of the said Boyle, while serving in the capacity aforesaid.

Mr. Johnson presented documents in support of the claims of William Arnold, Willis Tandy, Garrard Burns, and Armstead Whitehead, for pensions and increase of pensions.

The Speaker presented a petition of Charles Van Dyke, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions and documents be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Bank of the United States, praying that the act of incorporation of the said Bank may be so amended as to authorize the President and Cashier of its several Offices of Discount and Deposit, to sign and countersign the notes to be issued at said offices; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Robertson, of Kentucky, and Mr. Terrill, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of John D. Needham, John D. Perkins, Thomas I. Ferriar, Joseph Holland, Richard Stacey, James Stacey, Charles Webster, Robert Fry, Frederick Beise, and Benjamin Parks, stating that they arrived at Philadelphia in the month of October last, on their way to South America, and that they were there arrested, on a charge of violating the provisions of an act passed at the last session of Congress, for preserving the neutral relations of the United States; that they were imprisoned in consequence of their inability to procure bail, that they have been cleared upon trial of the charges preferred against them, and that in consequence of the said arrest and imprisonment, they have been subjected to much expense, trouble and inconvenience, and praying such relief in the premises, as to Congress shall appear just and reasonable; which was read and referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Harrison, Mr. Strother, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Orr, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of John Carr, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of sundry emigrants from Switzerland, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill concerning half pay pensions, invalid pensioners, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, on the 7th ultimo.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of the names of such persons as have obtained patents during the last year, for any new and useful improvement, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a document in relation to the contested election of Charles F. Mercer, which was referred to the committee of Elections.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had this day presented to the President of the United States, the enrolled bills examined yesterday.

On motion of Mr. Hopkinson,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to prepare and report a bill of fees for the officers of the United States, in the courts of the United States.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker, The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act allowing compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the delegates from territories, and to repeal all other laws upon that subject," with an amendment; in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, as follows:

To the Senate and House of
Representatives of the United States:

I have the satisfaction to inform Congress, that the establishment at Amelia Island has been suppressed, and without the effusion of blood. The papers which explain this transaction, I now lay before Congress.

By the suppression of this establishment and of that of Galveztown, which will soon follow, if it has not already ceased to exist, there is good cause to believe that the consummation of a project fraught with much injury to the United States, has been prevented. When we consider the persons engaged in it, being adventurers from different countries, with very few, if any, of the native inhabitants of the Spanish colonies, the territory on which the establishments were made; one on a portion of that claimed by the United States, westward of the Mississippi, the other on a part of East Florida, a province in negotiation between the United States and Spain—the

claim of their leader as announced by his proclamation on taking possession of Amelia Island, comprising the whole of both the Floridas, without excepting that part of West Florida which is incorporated with the state of Louisiana—their conduct while in the possession of the island, making it instrumental to every species of contraband, and in regard to slaves, of the most odious and dangerous character, it may fairly be concluded, that if the enterprize had succeeded on the scale on which it was formed, much annoyance and injury would have resulted from it to the United States.

Other circumstances were thought to be no less deserving of attention. The institution of a government by foreign adventurers in the island, distinct from the colonial governments of Buenos Ayres, Venezeula, or Mexico, pretending to sovereignty, and exercising its highest offices, particularly in granting commissions to privateers, were acts, which could not fail to draw after them, the most serious consequences. It was the duty of the executive, either to extend to this establishment, all the advantages of that neutrality which the United States had proclaimed and have observed in favor of the colonies of Spain, who by the strength of their own population and resources, had declared their independence, and were affording strong proof of their ability to maintain it, or of making the discrimination which circumstances required. Had the first course been pursued, we should not only have sanctioned all the unlawful claims and practices of this pretended government in regard to the United States, but have countenanced a system of privateering in the Gulf of Mexico, and elsewhere, the ill effects of which, might, and probably would, have been deeply and very extensively felt. The path of duty was plain from the commencement, but it was painful to enter upon it while the obligation could be resisted. The law of 1811, lately published, and which it is therefore proper now to mention, was considered applicable to the case, from the moment that the proclamation of the chief of the enterprize was seen, and its obligation was daily encreased by other considerations of high importance already mentioned, which were deemed sufficiently strong in themselves to dictate the course which has been pursued.

Early intimations having been received of the dangerous purposes of these adventurers, timely precautions were taken by the establishment of a force near the St. Mary's to prevent their effect, or it is probable, that it would have been more sensibly felt.

To such establishments made so near to our settlements, in the expectation of deriving aid from them, it is particularly gratifying to find, that very little encouragement was given.

The example so conspicuously displayed by our fellow citizens, that their sympathies cannot be perverted to improper purposes, but that a love of country, the influence of moral principles, and a respect for the laws, are predominate with them, is a sure pledge, that all the very flattering anticipations, which have been formed of the success of our institutions, will be realized. This example, has proved, that if our relations with foreign powers, are to be changed

it must be done by the constituted authorities who, alone, acting on a high responsibility, are competent to the purpose; and until such change is thus made, that our fellow citizens, will respect the existing relations, by a faithful adherence, to the laws which secure them.

Believing that this enterprize, though undertaken by persons, some of whom may have held commissions from some of the colonies, was unauthorized by, and unknown to the colonial governments, full confidence is entertained, that it will be disclaimed by them, and that effectual measures will be taken, to prevent the abuse of their authority in all cases to the injury of the United States.

For these injuries, especially those proceeding from Amelia Island, Spain would be reponsible, if it was not manifest that although committed in the latter instance through her territory, she was utterly unable to prevent them. Her territory however ought not to be made instrumental, through her inability to defend it, to purposes so injurious to the United States. To a country over which she fails to maintain her authority, and which she permits to be converted to the annoyance of her neighbours, her jurisdiction for the time, necessarily ceases to exist. The territory of Spain will nevertheless be respected, so far as it may be done consistently with the essential interests and safety of the United States. In expelling these adventurerers from these posts, it was not intended to make any conquest from Spain, or to injure in any degree the cause of the colonies. Care will be taken that no part of the territory contemplated by the law of 1811, shall be occupied by a foreign government of any kind, or that injuries of the nature of those complained of, shall be repeated, but this it is expected, will be provided for, with every other interest in a spirit of amity, in the negociation now depending with the government of Spain.

JAMES MONROE.

The said message was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House then resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted on the 9th instant by Mr. Spencer in relation to the case of John Anderson, and the question depending yesterday on an amendment moved by Mr. Rhea, to the preamble prefixed to the said resolutions, recurred and being stated, Mr. Spencer modified the resolutions so as to leave out the said preamble.

A motion was then made by Mr. Rhea to amend the said resolutions, by striking out from the word *Resolved* at the commencement of the first resolution, to the end of the last resolution, and in lieu thereof to insert as follows: viz.

That this House possesseth competent power to punish John Anderson for his contempt of the House and his outrage on one of its members: And, therefore,

Resolved, that the sergeant-at-arms be directed to conduct John Anderson to the bar of the House.

The question being stated to agree to this amendment;

Upon which further debate arose;
And the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 14, 1818.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of the Portland Marine Society, and of sundry merchants of Portland, in the District of Maine, praying that a light house may be erected on Long Island Head in Boston Bay.

Mr. Gage presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of paper in the state of Massachusetts, praying that a duty of two dollars a ream may be imposed on all paper imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Dominicus Cutts, administrator of the estate of Samuel D. Abbott, deceased, praying that the Secretary of the Treasury may be authorized and directed to revise his decision on an application made to him for the remission of a forfeiture incurred by said Abbott, for an alledged unintentional violation of the late acts prohibiting commercial intercourse with Great Britain.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, praying that provision may be made for the adjustment and final settlement of their claims and accounts in relation to the defence of the city and port of New York during the late war with Great Britain, upon just and liberal principles.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Herrick,

Ordered, That the petition of George W. Jackson, presented on the 17th February, 1817, be also referred to the same committee.

Mr. Moseley presented a petition of Frederick Knowlton, and others, surviving children and heirs of Thomas Knowlton, deceased, a lieutenant colonel in the revolutionary army, praying that the same compensation and emoluments may now be granted to them as would have been due and payable to the deceased if he had continued in service to the close of the war in which he served.

Mr. Sherwood presented a petition of Albert Chapman, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted to him.

Mr. Marchand presented documents in support of an application of William Kearns for a pension.

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of John Burns, praying for a pension.

Mr. Lowndes presented a petition of Monsieur Poiery, secretary and aid de camp to general, the marquis de la Fayette, in the revolutionary war, also praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions and documents be referred to e committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of John Gooding, presented on the h February, 1816, be referred to the committee of Ways and leans.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made report on the petition of Joseph Thorn; which was read; when,

Mr. Lowndes reported a bill for the relief of Joseph Thorn, hich was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes also made a report on the petition of Mary raeff; which was read and the resolution therein contained was ncurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be anted.

Mr. Lowndes, from the same committee, also reported a bill aking appropriations for the payment of the arrearages which ve been incurred for the support of the military establishment, evious to the 1st January, 1817; which was read the first and se- nd time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes also reported a bill making appropriations for ie support of the military establishments of the United States, for ie year 1818; which was read the first and second time and com- itted to the committee of the whole last appointed.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary laims be discharged from a further consideration of the applica- on of Henry Leonard for a pension, and that the same be referred the Secretary of War.

Mr. Thomas M. Nelson, from the committee to which was re- rred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the time r locating Virginia military land warrants and returning surveys hereon to the General Land Office, and for designating the western oundary line of the Virginia military tract," reported the same ith amendments, which were read, and together with the bill com- itted to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Parris,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed o inquire into the expediency of requiring further security from the lerks of the several circuit and district courts of the United States; nd of providing by law for keeping the records of said courts, n the places where the same shall be respectively holden.

On motion of Mr. Crafts,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a ost road from Canaan, in the county of Essex, and state of Ver- mont, through the towns of Lemington, Minehead, Brunswick, and Maidstone, to Guildhall, in said county.

On motion of Mr. Spangler,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to take into consideration, the expediency of establishing a post road from York, Pennsylvania, by the way of M'Calls Ferry-bridge, over the Susquehanna river, to Mount Pleasant post office, in Lancaster county, in the said state.

On motion of Mr. Richards,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road, from Bellow's Falls, through Grafton, Windham, Londonderry, to Peru, in the state of Vermont.

On motion of Mr. Settle,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the post route, from Hillsboro, North Carolina, to Halifax court house, in Virginia, so as to pass from the Red House, by Milton, in the county of Caswell, to Alexander Cunningham's store.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,

Resolved, That the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to roads, canals, and seminaries of learning, be instructed to inquire, and report to this House, whether any, and if any, what further provisions are necessary by law, for completing that part of the United States' turnpike road, lying between Cumberland in the state of Maryland, and Wheeling in the state of Virginia.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted by Mr. Spencer, on the 9th instant, in relation to the case of John Anderson, and the question recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Rhea, and depending yesterday at the time of adjournment: whereupon,

Mr. Rhea modified his said amendment to read as follows:

"That this House possesseth competent power to punish for contempts of its authority: therefore,

Resolved, That the sergeant-at-arms be directed to conduct John Anderson to the bar of this House."

And the question being stated to agree to the said amendment as modified:

Upon which further debate arose:

And the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 15, 1818.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of W. P. Rathbone, on behalf of the widow and children of Caleb Wood, deceased, praying that a pension may be granted to the said widow and children, in consideration of the services and death of the deceased, who was a captain in the service of the United States.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Phebe Root, widow of the late lieutenant colonel Colbourn, who was killed in the revolutionary war, also praying for a pension.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of Ebenezer Stevens, and others, praying to be paid the amount of an award under a contract for supplying provisions to the revolutionary army.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of Johnson Cook, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted to him,

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Orr presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Lisbon, Westerly, Bowdoin, &c. in the District of Maine.

Mr. Gage presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Somerset, and Penobscot, in the said district of Maine, respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Boston, praying for the establishment of an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, which petition was referred to the committee of the whole on the bill for that purpose.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, also presented a petition of Nathaniel Goddard, and others, owners of the ship Ariadne and her cargo, which hath been libelled and condemned, on the ground that she was sailing under a British license in the late war, praying that such portion of the said forfeiture as accrues to the United States may be remitted to them for the reasons set forth in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Palmer presented a petition of Philip Bryant, praying compensation for damages committed on his property by the enemy during the late war in consequence of the same being in the military occupancy of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Porter,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Johnson, presented on the 14th December, 1814, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Seybert presented a petition of Lewis De Carpentier, merchant, of Philadelphia, praying to be allowed and paid the debenture to which he conceives himself entitled on account of certain foreign goods, wares, and merchandise imported into the United States and subsequently exported therefrom.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Charles N. Buck of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, stating that he has been appointed by the Senate of the city of Hamburgh, in Europe, to be its Consul General within the United States, and that he is advised by the Executive department that this appointment comes within the provisions of the 13th article of the amendment to the constitution of

the United States, and praying that permission may be extended to him by Congress, to accept the said appointment, which petition was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Mason, of Rhode Island, Mr. Little, Mr. Tyler and Mr. Irving, of New York, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Herbert presented a petition of Samuel B. Brooke, late an officer in the navy of the United States, praying for a pension in consideration of wounds received while in the discharge of his official duties.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Risdon H. Price, and Charles Frimon Delauriere, representatives of the late Don Jaque Clamorgan, deceased, praying that their title to lands in the territory of Missouri may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A motion was made by Mr. Sergeant, that the House do reconsider their vote of yesterday, taken on the question to concur with the committee of Ways and Means in their report on the petition of Mary Graeff.

And on the question, will the House reconsider their said vote;

It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said report be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Barbour,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office, and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of exempting from postage all letters and packets relating to the militia, to and from the adjutant general of the respective states and territories.

On motion of Mr. Hitchcock,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office, and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Stow, in the county of Portage, by the seat of justice in the county of Medina, to the seat of justice in the county of Huron, and state of Ohio.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the 14th instant, approve and sign enrolled bills of the following titles:

An act further to prolong the continuance of the mint at Philadelphia.

An act to remit the duty on a painting presented to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

An act for the relief of Samuel Aikman.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message, in writing, was also received from the President of the United States; which was delivered in at the Speaker's table.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolutions, submitted on the 9th instant, by Mr. Spencer, in relation to the case of John Anderson, and the question again recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Rhea, and depending yesterday at the time of adjournment; whereupon,

Mr. Rhea again modified his said amendment so as to read as follows;

"That the House of Representatives possesses adequate power to punish contempts against it."

A motion was then made by Mr. Pitkin that the farther consideration of the resolutions, submitted by Mr. Spencer, together with the amendment offered thereto, be postponed indefinitely:

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....117, Nays..... 42,

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,
Adams,
Allen, *Vt.*
Anderson, *Pen.*
Austin,
Baldwin,
Bayley,
Bennett,
Bloomfield,
Blount,
Boden,
Boss,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Butler,
Campbell,
Clagett,
Claiborne,
Colston,
Cook,
Crafts,
Crawford,
Cushman,
Darlington,
Desha,
Drake,
Ellicott,
Floyd,
Folger,
Forsyth,
Gage,
Hall, *Del.*

Mr. Hall, *N. C.*
Harrison,
Herbert,
Hiester,
Holmes, *Mass.*
Holmes, *Con.*
Hopkinson,
Hubbard,
Hunter,
Huntington,
Ingham,
Jones,
Little,
Lowndes,
M'Lane,
W. Maclay,
W. P. Maclay,
M'Coy,
Marchand,
Marr,
Mason, *Mass*
Mason, *R. I.*
Mercer,
Middleton,
Miller,
Moore,
Morton,
Moseley,
Mumford,
Murray,
Jer. Nelson,
H. Nelson,

Mr. Nesbitt,
New,
Ogden,
Orr,
Owen,
Palmer,
Parris,
Parrott,
Patterson,
Pawling,
Peter,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Reed,
Rhea,
Richards,
Ross,
Ruggles,
Sampson,
Savage,
Schuyler,
Scudder,
Sergeant,
Settle,
Seybert,
Sherwood,
S. Smith,
Bal. Smith,
Alex. Smith,
J. S. Smith,
Storrs,
Strong,

Mr. Strother,	Mr. Trimble,	Mr. Whitman,
Stuart,	Tucker, *Va.*	Wendover,
Tallmadge,	Tucker, *S. C.*	Westerlo,
Taylor,	Tyler,	Whiteside,
Terrell,	Upham,	Williams, *Con.*
Tompkins,	Walker, *N. C.*	Williams, *N. C.*
Townsend,	Wallace,	Wilson, *Pen.* 117

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Allen, *Mass.*	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Poindexter,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Garnett,	Porter,
Ball,	Hale,	Quarles,
Barbour, *Va.*	Herkimer,	Rich,
Barber, *Ohio,*	Herrick,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Bassett,	Hitchcock,	Robertson, *Lou.*
Bateman,	Hogg,	Sawyer,
Beecher,	Kinsey,	Shaw,
Bellinger,	Kirtland,	Silsbee,
Cruger,	Lawyer,	Speed,
Culbreth,	Linn,	Spencer,
Edwards,	Livermore,	Tarr,
Ervin, *S. C.*	Merrill,	Walker, *Ken.*
Forney,	T. M. Nelson,	Williams, *N. Y.* 42

Mr. Tallmadge then submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That John Anderson be forthwith brought to the bar of this House:

And the question being stated thereon:

Mr. Rich moved to amend the same by inserting the following words, viz: "While this House disclaims all right to adjudge and execute punishment, on any person or persons whatever, its members only excepted, it will never abstain from any measures of precaution which may be necessary to preserve its deliberations free from interruption, and protect its members and officers from insult or abuse; and therefore, resolved;"

And on the question to agree to this amendment:

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Culbreth then moved the following amendment:

After the word "resolved" in the first line, strike out the residue of the resolution, and in lieu thereof insert:

"Whereas John Anderson is in the custody of the sergeant-at-arms, for an offence which this House does not possess the constitutional right to try, or power to punish: Therefore,

Resolved, That the said John Anderson be discharged from the custody of the sergeant-at-arms:"

And the question being taken thereon:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....47, Nays.....119.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Allen, *Mass.*
Anderson, *Ken.*
Ball,
Barbour, *Va.*
Barber, *Ohio*,
Bassett,
Beecher,
Bellinger,
Cruger,
Culbreth,
Edwards,
Ervin, *S. C.*
Forney,
Fuller,
Garnett,
Hale,
Mr. Hall, *N. C.*
Herkimer,
Herrick,
Hitchcock,
Hogg,
Johnson, *Ken.*
Kinsey,
Kirtland,
Lawyer,
Linn,
Livermore,
Merrill,
T. M. Nelson,
Poindexter,
Porter,
Quarles,
Mr. Rich,
Robertson, *Ken.*
Robertson, *Lou.*
Ross,
Sawyer,
Shaw,
Silsbee,
Bal. Smith,
Speed,
Spencer,
Tarr,
Trimble,
Tucker, *S. C.*
Walker, *Ken.*
Williams, *N. Y.* 47

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,
Adams,
Allen, *Vt.*
Anderson, *Pen.*
Austin,
Baldwin,
Bateman,
Bayley,
Bennett,
Bloomfield,
Blount,
Boden,
Boss,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Butler,
Campbell,
Clagett,
Claiborne,
Cobb,
Colston,
Cook,
Crafts,
Crawford,
Cushman,
Darlington,
Desha,
Drake,
Ellicott,
Floyd,
Folger
Forsyth,
Gage,
Mr. Hall, *Del.*
Harrison,
Herbert,
Hiester,
Holmes, *Mass.*
Holmes, *Con.*
Hopkinson,
Hubbard,
Hunter,
Huntington,
Ingham,
Irving, *N. Y.*
Jones,
Little,
Lowndes,
M'Lane,
W. Maclay,
W. P. Maclay,
M'Coy,
Marchand,
Marr,
Mason, *Mass.*
Mason, *R. I.*
Mercer,
Middleton,
Miller,
Moore,
Morton,
Moseley,
Mumford,
Murray,
Jer. Nelson,
H. Nelson,
Mr. Nesbitt,
New,
Ogden,
Orr,
Owen,
Palmer,
Parris,
Parrott,
Patterson,
Pawling,
Peter,
Pindall,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Reed,
Rhea,
Richards,
Ruggles,
Sampson,
Savage,
Schuyler,
Scudder,
Sergeant,
Settle,
Seybert,
Sherwood,
Slocumb,
S. Smith,
Alex. Smyth,
J. S. Smith,
Southard,
Storrs,
Strong,

Mr. Strother,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Westerlo,
Stuart,	Tucker, *Va.*	Whiteside,
Tallmadge,	Tyler,	Whitman,
Taylor,	Upham,	Williams, *Con.*
Terrell,	Walker, *N. C.*	Williams, *N. C.*
Terry,	Wallace,	Wilson, *Pen.* 119
Tompkins,	Wendover,	

The question then recurred on the resolution, proposed by Mr. Tallmadge; and being taken;

It passed in the affirmative. { Yeas.....118. Nays.....45.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Holmes, *Con.*	Mr. Parrott,
Allen, *Vt.*	Hopkinson,	Patterson,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Hubbard,	Pawling,
Austin,	Hunter,	Peter,
Baldwin,	Huntington,	Pindall,
Bateman,	Ingham,	Pitkin,
Bayley,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Pleasants,
Bennett,	Jones,	Reed,
Blount,	Linn,	Rhea,
Boden,	Little,	Richards,
Boss,	Lowndes,	Ruggles,
Bryan,	M'Lane,	Sampson,
Burwell,	W. Maclay,	Savage,
Butler,	W. P. Maclay,	Schuyler,
Campbell,	M'Coy,	Scudder,
Clagett,	Marchand,	Sergeant,
Claiborne,	Marr,	Settle,
Cobb,	Mason, *Mass.*	Seybert,
Colston,	Mason, *R. I.*	Sherwood,
Cook,	Mercer,	Slocumb,
Crafts,	Middleton,	S. Smith,
Crawford,	Miller,	Alex. Smyth,
Cushman,	Moore,	J. S. Smith,
Darlington,	Morton,	Spangler,
Desha,	Moseley,	Storrs,
Drake,	Mumford,	Strong,
Ellicott,	Murray,	Strother,
Floyd,	Jer. Nelson,	Stuart,
Folger,	H. Nelson,	Tallmadge,
Forsyth,	Nesbitt,	Taylor,
Gage,	New,	Terrell,
Hall, *Del.*	Ogden,	Terry,
Harrison,	Orr,	Tompkins,
Herbert,	Owen,	Townsend,
Hiester,	Palmer,	Tucker, *Va.*
Holmes, *Mass.*	Parris,	Tyler,

Mr. Upham,	Mr. Westerlo,	Mr. Williams, *N. C.*
Walker, *N. C.*	Whiteside,	Wilson, *Pen.* 118
Wallace,	Whitman,	
Wendover,	Williams, *Con.*	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Allen, *Mass.*	Mr. Hale,	Mr. Rich,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Hall, *N. C.*	Robertson, *Ken.*
Ball,	Herkimer,	Ross,
Barbour, *Va.*	Herrick,	Sawyer,
Barber, *Ohio,*	Hitchcock,	Shaw,
Bassett,	Hogg,	Silsbee,
Beecher,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Bal. Smith,
Bellinger,	Kinsey,	Southard,
Cruger,	Kirtland,	Speed,
Culbreth,	Lawyer,	Spencer,
Edwards,	Merrill,	Tarr,
Ervin, *S. C.*	T. M. Nelson,	Trimble,
Forney,	Poindexter,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Fuller,	Porter,	Walker, *Ken.*
Garnett,	Quarles,	Williams, *N. Y.* 45

Whereupon the said John Anderson was brought to the bar of this House in custody of the sergeant-at-arms;

And being at the bar as aforesaid:

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the rules prescribed in the resolution of the 8th instant, propounded, in succession, the following interrogatories.

1st. Do you acknowledge yourself to be John Anderson? Answer. Yes.

2d. Did you write and deliver to Lewis Williams, a member of this House, the letter of which a copy has been furnished you by the Clerk? Answer. I did.

3d. From what part of the City did you write the letter? Answer. I wrote it at Mr. Bestor's, where I board.

4th. What is the amount of your *own* claims, which you are attempting to liquidate? Answer. About nine thousand dollars.

5th. What is the amount of those of others, which you are soliciting? Answer. About twenty-one thousand dollars.

6th. Have you any interest in the latter? Answer. None of a pecuniary kind, but am influenced in their pursuit by motives of charity.

7th. Had you any authority from the persons you represent, to make the offer contained in your letter? Answer. I have a general power of attorney, to do for them as I would do for myself, but had no instructions to make that or any other offer.

8th. Are you acquainted with any persons now in the City, soliciting the claims of others, if so name them? Answer. I am. There is a Mr. Pomeroy, who is soliciting his own claims, and colonel Watson who is a general agent.

9th. Have you made any other offer to any person? Answer. No.

10. Did you consult or advise with any person, before you wrote and delivered the letter? Answer. I did not.

11. Who is the Mr. Halbard you mention in the letter? Answer. He is a gentleman I became partially acquainted with during the troubles at the River Raisin. I have not seen him since that time, till I arrived in this City at the present session of Congress, and did not recognize him until he made himself known to me.

12. Has he any claims to solicit? Answer. None to my knowledge.

13. Have you any witnesses to examine or defence to make, in justification or explanation of your conduct? If you have, the House is now ready to hear you.

The said John Anderson then stated, that he had a written defence to make, and sundry witnesses to examine, whom he wished to be examined previous to the offer of his defence.

Whereupon sundry witnesses were called to the bar of the House, and being sworn by the Speaker, were examined by the said John Anderson, and by the Speaker; and minutes of their examination were taken down.

A question being made as to the course of interrogation of a witness under examination; and debate arising thereon;

The said John Anderson was remanded into the custody of the sergeant-at-arms; and,

The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 16, 1818.

Mr. Orr presented a petition of John M'Kown, owner of the fishing vessel called the "Enterprize," which, while on a fishing voyage, was captured by a British cruizer and carried into a British port, where she was discharged, by which capture she was prevented from employing the time necessary to entitle her to the bounty allowed by law, and praying to be allowed the said bounty.

Mr. Orr also presented a similar petition of Jonathan Pierce, owner of the fishing vessel called the Rambler.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of Andrew Griswold, a lieutenant in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Mr. Wilkin presented a petition of William Jackson a deputy commissary of forage in the revolutionary army, praying compensation for his services as aforesaid, and for property furnished for the use of the said army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Southard

Ordered, That the petition of George Rowles, presented on

the 26th December, 1816, be also referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Crafts presented a petition of John Barney, a constable in the town of Saint Johnsbury, in the state of Vermont, stating that in virtue of process directed to him, he searched for, and found certain goods which he delivered to the authority issuing the warrant, that it afterwards appeared the said goods had been illegally brought into the United States, on account of which the petitioner hath been subjected to damages under the revenue laws and praying relief in the premises.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Robertson presented a petition of Samuel H. Harper, Register, Alfred Loveain, Receiver, and L. P. Barbin, Clerk in the Land Office for the Eastern Land District of the state of Louisiana, praying for additional compensation for the duties required of and performed by them.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Pope presented a petition of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the territory of Illinois, praying that the said territory may be formed into a state government, and that the state, when formed, may be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, which was referred to a select committee, and

Mr. Pope, Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Johnson of Kentucky, Mr. Spencer and Mr. Whitman were appointed on the said committee.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of John Crane, and that the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands made a report on the petition of George Pearson, which was read; when,

Mr. Robertson reported a bill for the relief of George Pearson, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Robertson also reported a bill for the relief of John Jones, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Robertson from the committee on the Public Lands, to whom had been committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for paying to the state of Indiana three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sales of the United States lands within the same," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Hugh Nelson from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to provide for the publication of the laws of the United

States and for other purposes, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual statement of the tonnage of the United States on the 31st December, 1816, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The message received yesterday from the President of the United States was read as follows, viz:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

The claim of the representatives of the late Caron de Beaumarchais, having been recommended to the favorable consideration of the Legislature by my predecessor in his message to Congress of the 31st January last, and concurring in the sentiments therein expressed, I now transmit copies of a representation relative to it, received by the Secretary of State from the minister of France, and of correspondence on the subject between the Minister of the United States, at Paris, and the Duke of Richelieu, enclosed with that representation.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, 12th January, 1818.

Ordered, That the said message, together with the petitions of J. A. Chevallie, attorney for the heirs of the late Caron de Beaumarchais, and the several accompanying documents now on file in the Clerk's office relating to the claim of the said heirs, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, submitted the following resolution, which was read;

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and if any, what clerks or other officers in either of the Departments or in any office at the seat of the General Government have conducted themselves improperly in their official duties; and that the committee have power to send for persons and papers.

A motion was made by Mr. Storrs to amend the said resolution by striking out all after the word *clerks* to the word *duties*; and in lieu thereof, to insert "have received any other compensations for the performance of their public duties than what is prescribed by law;"

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Rich to lay the said resolution on the table;

And the question being taken thereon;

It was also determined in the negative.

The question was then taken to agree to the said resolution;

And passed in the affirmative; and,

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. T. M. Nelson, Mr. Reed, Mr. Southard, Mr. Tallmadge, and Mr. Campbell, were appointed the said committee.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Joseph Watson, a witness in the case of John Anderson, explanatory of a part of his conduct yesterday while under examination, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The sergeant-at-arms was then again directed to bring John Anderson to the bar of the House: whereupon,

The said John Anderson appeared at the bar; when he was further interrogated by the Speaker, to which he gave the answers annexed to each interrogatory, viz:

Question 1. Are you a native of the United States? Answer. I am not.

Question 2. In what country was you born? Answer. In Scotland. I was brought to the United States by my father when I was three years old. We settled on the Susquehannah river, in the state of Pennsylvania. My father was killed by the Indians in the revolutionary war. All our property was destroyed, and my mother, with four of her young children were carried by the Mohawk Indians into captivity in the British province of Canada. After the revolutionary war I went into Canada in search of my mother, and brothers and sisters, and finally settled at Detroit.

Question 3. Have you been naturalized? Answer. I have. I was naturalized when general Wayne took possession of Detroit and that part of the country which now forms the territory of Michigan.

Question 4. In writing the letter to Louis Williams, a member of this House from North Carolina, in which you offer to him the sum of five hundred dollars, for services to be performed by him in relation to claims for losses sustained during the late war, had you, or had you not, any intention to induce him to support your claims against his own convictions of their justice, or to interfere with the discharge of his legislative duties, or to offer any contempt to the dignity of the House of Representatives? Answer. No, Sir, I call God to witness to that, which is the most sacred appeal I can make. I repeatedly assured him that the offer was made without any wish to influence his opinions in any degree.

The remaining witnesses summoned on the part of the prisoner at the bar, were then called and examined, and minutes of their evidence were taken down; after which he was questioned by the Speaker whether he had any other testimony to offer in his behalf; to which he replied that he had not,

The Speaker then informed him he was at liberty to proceed in the defence which he had intimated it was his intention to offer.

Colonel Anderson was, thereupon, heard in his defence; and, after concluding the same, was remanded into the custody of the sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Forsyth offered the following resolution;

Resolved, That John Anderson has been guilty of a contempt, and a violation of the privileges of the House, and that he be brought to the bar of the House *on Wednesday next*, and be there reprimanded by the Speaker for the outrage he has committed, and then discharged from the custody of the sergeant-at-arms.

The said resolution was read; and a motion was made by Mr. Harrison, to amend the same by striking out "*Wednesday next*," and in lieu thereof, to insert *Monday next*; which motion was rejected by the House.

The said resolution was then amended by striking out *on Wednesday next*, and inserting *this day*.

A motion was then made by Mr. Alexander Smyth, further to amend the said resolution by striking out from the word *Resolved*, to the end thereof, and in lieu thereof to insert, "That John Anderson hath committed a high contempt against the privileges of this House. Resolved, That the said John Anderson, for his said offence, be immediately reprimanded by the Speaker of this House; and that in consideration of his sacrifices, sufferings, and attachment to the United States, the said John Anderson be thereupon discharged without any further punishment."

A motion was made by Mr. Forsyth to amend the said amendment by striking out the word *sacrifices*, and the words *and attachment to the United States*.

And the question being taken thereon;

It passed in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Poindexter, further to amend the said amendment moved by Mr. A. Smyth, by striking out the words "*against the privileges*."

And the question being taken on this amendment,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 54, Nays.....108.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Allen, *Mass.*	Mr. Desha,	Mr. Kirtland,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Edwards,	Lawyer,
Ball,	Ervin, *S. C.*	Linn,
Barbour, *Va.*	Forney,	Merrill,
Barber, *Ohio*,	Fuller,	T. M. Nelson,
Bassett,	Garnett,	Ogle,
Bateman,	Hale,	Poindexter,
Beecher,	Hall, *N. C.*	Porter,
Bellinger,	Herkimer,	Quarles,
Bennett,	Herrick,	Rich,
Campbell,	Hitchcock,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Comstock,	Hogg,	Robertson, *Lou.*
Crafts,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Shaw,
Cruger,	Jones,	Silsbee,
Culbreth,	Kinsey,	Bal. Smith,

Mr. Southard,	Mr. Tarr,	Mr. Tucker, *S. C.*
Speed,	Trimble,	Walker, *Ken*
Spencer,	Tucker, *Va.*	Williams, *N. Y.* 54

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hopkinson,	Mr. Pitkin,
Adams,	Hubbard,	Pleasants,
Allen, *Vt.*	Hunter,	Reed,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Huntington,	Rhea,
Austin,	Ingham,	Richards,
Baldwin,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Ruggles,
Bayley,	Lowndes,	Sampson,
Bloomfield,	M'Lane,	Schuyler,
Blount,	W. Maclay,	Scudder,
Boden,	W. P. Maclay,	Sergeant,
Boss,	M'Coy,	Settle,
Bryan,	Marchand,	Seybert,
Burwell,	Mason, *Mass*	Sherwood,
Butler,	Mason, *R. I.*	Slocumb,
Clagett,	Mercer,	S. Smith,
Claiborne,	Middleton,	Alex. Smith,
Cobb,	Miller,	J. S. Smith,
Colston,	Moore,	Spangler,
Cook,	Morton,	Storrs,
Crawford,	Moseley,	Strong,
Cushman,	Mumford,	Strother,
Darlington,	Murray,	Tallmadge,
Drake,	Jer. Nelson,	Taylor,
Earle,	H. Nelson,	Terrell,
Ellicott,	Nesbitt,	Terry,
Floyd,	New,	Tompkins,
Folger,	Ogden,	Tyler,
Forsyth,	Orr,	Wallace,
Gage,	Owen,	Wendover,
Hall, *Del.*	Palmer,	Westerlo,
Harrison,	Parris,	Whiteside,
Hasbrouck,	Parrott,	Whitman,
Herbert,	Patterson,	Williams, *Con.*
Hiester,	Pawling,	Williams, *N. C.*
Holmes, *Mass.*	Peter,	Wilkin,
Holmes, *Con.*	Pindall,	Wilson, *Pen.* 106

The said amendment was further amended, and on the question to agree thereto as amended;

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Culbreth then moved to amend the resolution submitted by Mr. Forsyth, as follows:

Strike out all after the word "Resolved," and insert, "That John Anderson has been guilty of an attempt to commit the "infamous crime" of bribery; but as this House does not possess the constitutional right to punish the said John Anderson; therefore,

"Resolved that the said John Anderson be discharged from the custody of the sergeant-at-arms."

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on the resolution submitted by Mr. Forsyth as amended;

And passed in the affirmative.

John Anderson then appeared at the bar of the House, and was, in pursuance of the resolution adopted for that purpose, reprimanded by the Speaker and discharged from the custody of the sergeant-at-arms.

And on motion of Mr. Harrison.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 19, 1818.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of Mehetable Seger, widow of Ebenezer Seger, deceased, a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Fuller also presented a petition of Hannah Leighton, formerly the wife of captain Isaac Davis who was killed in battle in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of Harry Blodget.

Mr. Burwell presented a petition of Charles Stockton.

Mr. Cobb presented a petition of Nathan Formby; which petitions respectively pray for pensions.

Mr. Mason, of Rhode Island, presented a petition of John Viol, a gunner's mate in the navy during the revolutionary war, praying to be allowed and paid the compensation to which he conceives himself entitled for the time he remained a prisoner of war.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Alexander Murray, praying to be paid the amount due him on a loan office certificate issued in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Sergeant also presented a petition of John Keemle, a surgeon's mate in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension, and for the commutation of half pay to which he became entitled in consideration of his services in the capacity aforesaid.

Mr. Speaker presented a petition of Sarah Daggett, the mother and natural guardian of William Earnest, stating that the said William Earnest is a deaf and dumb boy, about 8 years old, and that his father Charles Earnest was killed in the battle of Bladensburg, and praying that provision may be made for the education and maintenance of the said William.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Folger presented a petition of David Hendricks, owner of the fishing vessel called the "*Packet*," praying to be allowed the bounty granted by law to vessels employed in the fisheries, which has been denied him in consequence of the said vessel having been

captured while on her voyage by a British cruizer, carried into Halifax, and released, whereby it became impracticable to employ her for the time required by law.

Mr. Folger also presented a similar petition of Salathiel Nickerson, owner of the fishing vessel called the "*Nine Sisters.*"

Mr. Heister and Mr. Whiteside respectively presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that additional duties may be imposed on bar, pig, and cast iron imported into the United States.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Brownsville, Bridgeport, and other towns in their vicinities in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that further protection and encouragement may be extended to American manufactures.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Mason, of Rhode Island, presented a petition of Stephen Jenks, and others, praying to be allowed additional compensation for four thousand stands of arms furnished by them to the United States under a contract for that purpose, as it has been found that the price for which they agreed to make and deliver the said arms, has not been sufficient to cover the expenses of manufacturing the same.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of Patrick H. Maddan, stating that he was formerly a British subject and served as a volunteer in the army of the United States during the late war, and praying for a grant of land equal in quantity to the lands granted to Canadian volunteers.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of John G. Bogert, stating that the property of a certain Edward Livingston, lying in the city of New York, was sold in the year 1805, to satisfy judgments obtained by the United States against the said Livingston; that he became the purchaser of certain lots, and paid for the same; and that upon a survey of the property it has been found that no such lots exist, and praying that the money paid by him may be refunded, together with the interest thereon.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Irving, of New York, also presented a petition of Abraham P. Gibson, on behalf of himself and Henry S. Newcomb, praying that their title to certain lands lying in West Florida may be confirmed.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Antoine F. Saugrain, and a petition of Joseph Waller, junior, Leonard Waller, Richard Waller, David Smith, Elijah Randall, John Cox, Samuel Cox, Washington Abernithie, James M. Abernithie and John T. Abernithie respectively, praying that their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Ordered, That the petition of John Malone and others, presented on the 11th November, 1811, and the petition of John Johnson, presented on the 2d December, 1811, be also referred to the said committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of York, Cumberland and Dauphin in the state of Pennsylvania; and,

Mr. Pleasants presented a petition of the counties of Cumberland, Powhatan and Goochland, and of the city of Richmond, in the state of Virginia, respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Settle presented a petition of John Fields, junior, a deputy collector of internal duties in the state of North Carolina, praying to be exonerated from the payment of a sum of public money of which he was robbed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Lowndes from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of Abraham Richards, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Lowndes also made a report on the petition of Gad Worthington, which was read; when,

Mr. Lowndes reported a bill for the relief of the said Gad Worthington, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the claim of the representative of the late Caron de Beaumarchais, and that it be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Benjamin Smith, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, also reported a bill for the relief of Sarah Dewees, relict and widow of William Dewees, deceased, and the heirs and legal representatives of the said William Dewees, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole on Thursday next.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on the Public Lands, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Elizabeth Moyer; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee of Elections, made the following report:

"That they have examined the certificates of election and other credentials of the following members, and find them sufficient to entitle them to seats in this House, to wit:

From the state of Rhode Island, James B. Mason.

From the state of South Carolina, William Lowndes."

Ordered, That the committee of Elections be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Armistead T. Mason, contesting the election of Charles F. Mercer; and that he have leave to withdraw the same.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the exports of the United States, during the year ending on the 30th September, 1817; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of erecting a light house, at Wind Mill Point, on the Chesapeake Bay.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the state of Ohio, to sell thirty-five sections of land, heretofore granted to the said state, for the support of the Scioto salt works, but which are no longer useful for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Hopkinson,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire, what fees have been charged and received by the district attorney, of the southern district for the state of New York, in prosecutions brought by him against retailers of spirits for vending them without license; and also, what fees have been received and charged in the same cases, by the other officers of the United States, in the courts of the United States, in the said southern district of the state of New York, and the said committee have power to send for persons and papers.

On motion of Mr. Strother,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road, along the following route, viz: Beginning at Middleburg, thence by Rectortown, to Oak Hill, thence up Manasseh's road to Front Royal, and from Front Royal to Stoverstown.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill entitled "An act for the relief of Winslow and Henry Lewis," was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act allowing compensation to the members of the Senate and members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and delegates of territories, and repealing all other laws upon that subject;" was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the letter from Joseph Watson, laid before this House on the 16th instant, be referred to the committee, appointed on that day, to inquire into the conduct of certain clerks and other officers of the general government.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have rejected the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act, for the relief of John Thompson."

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriations for the payment of the arrearages which have been incurred, for the support of the military establishment, previous to the 1st January, 1817, and on the bill making appropriations for the military establishment of the United States, for the year 1818; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the said bills with amendments to the latter:

And then the House adjourned,

TUESDAY, January 20, 1818.

Mr. Ruggles presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Wal pole, and Franklin, in the county of Norfolk, in the state of Massachusetts, praying for an alteration in an existing post route.

Mr. Ogle presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, in Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Ruggles,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Foxborough, in Norfolk county, in the state of Massachusetts, presented on the 1st February, 1817, be also referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Ruggles presented a petition of Samuel Blaney.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of Stephen Barnum, respectively praying for pensions.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of Eli Parsons, praying compensation for services as an officer in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Reed presented a petition of Edward Kain, praying to be allowed and paid the bounty of eighty dollars promised to him at the time of his enlistment, as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Morton presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of cotton and woollen goods, residing in the county of Bristol, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that further measures may be adopted, for the security and encouragement of the cotton and woollen manufacturers within the United States.

Mr. Seybert presented a petition of the copper smiths of the

city and county of Philadelphia, praying that additional duties may be imposed on foreign manufactured copper, imported into the United States.

Mr. Whiteside presented a petition of John Fowler, the inventor of a new and improved method of plating gun barrels and other warlike instruments, and praying that he may be authorized by law, to exercise the patent right which he has obtained for his invention, on such part of the public arms as may be thought proper.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Lawyer presented a petition of Derrick Van Veighten, a captain in the army during the late war, praying that certain moneys paid by him to the company under his command, may be refunded to him.

Mr. Lawyer also presented a petition of George Shaver, praying to be allowed and paid the bounty and wages, due him for his services as a soldier in the army during the late war, as also his bounty land, all of which are withheld in consideration of his leaving his company on a visit to his family after the peace, a few days before the army was disbanded.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of Frederick Falley, owner of a small schooner on lake Erie during the late war with Great Britain, praying compensation for the use of said schooner while in the service (by impressment) of the army under the command of general Harrison, and for losses sustained in consequence of said impressment, as also for his services in recovering a quantity of public property, which was lost in said lake.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of Madame Poidevin, late of L'Orient, in France, and now of the city of New York, praying to be reimbursed the amount of moneys advanced by her to Aaron Vail, consul of the United States for the port of L'Orient aforesaid, and by him applied to the relief and protection of destitute and distressed American seamen.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the claim of the representative of the late Caron De Beaumarchais, and that it be referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Bassett, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Ingham, and Mr. Ervin, South Carolina, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Herrick, from the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of certain friendly Creek Indians of the mixed blood; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Newton, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, reported a bill for the relief of the Houses of Thomas &

John Clifford, Elish Fisher & company, Thomas Clifford & Son, and Thomas Clifford, of Philadelphia, and Charles Wirgman, of Baltimore; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Sergeant, from the committee appointed on the petition of the President and Directors of the Bank of the United States, by leave of the House, reported a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States;" which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Bassett, from the committee appointed on the petition of commodore John Rodgers, made a report thereon; which was read: when,

Mr. Bassett reported a bill for the relief of commodore John Rodgers, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills, and an enrolled resolution of the following titles, viz:

An act for the relief of Joel Earwood; An act for the relief of Winslow and Henry Lewis; An act allowing compensation to the members of the Senate, members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to the delegates of the Territories, and repealing all other laws on that subject;

Resolution directing the procurement of certain laws; and had found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Hitchcock,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the name of the "district of *Erie*," in the state of Ohio, so that the same may be hereafter known by the name of "the district of *Cuyahoga*."

On motion of Mr. Earle,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the post route that leads from Edgefield court house to Pendleton court house, as far as Soconney, in Pendleton district, in the state of South Carolina.

Mr. Harrison submitted the following resolution which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, that a committee be appointed, jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to consider and report what measures it may be proper to adopt to manifest the public respect for the memory of general Thaddeus Kosciusco, formerly an officer in the service of the United States, and the uniform and distinguished friend of liberty and the rights of man.

Mr. Bassett submitted the following amendment to the standing rules and orders of the House, which was read and ordered to lie on the table until to-morrow:

"Every subject, which, by leave of the House, shall be made the special order of the day for any particular day, shall, on that day, have precedence of all other orders of the day, except the unfinished business of the preceding day."

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting his report of such "measures as may be necessary for the more effectual execution of the laws for the collection of the duties on imported goods, wares, and merchandise," which was referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting the annual report of the Commissioners of the Navy Pension Fund, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a report of the Secretary of the Navy in relation to Naval Hospitals, made in obedience to a resolution of the 22d ultimo, accompanied with a report of the commissioners of Naval Hospitals upon the subject of hospitals generally, which was referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Ordered, That the bill making appropriations for the payment of the arrearages which have been incurred for the support of the military establishment previous to the first of January, 1817, be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee of the whole, to the bill making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year 1818; and the first amendment of the said bill being read as follows:

Strike out the following words: "*For additional pay, rations, and forage to such officers of the army as have brevet commissions, $35,000.*"

And on the question to concur in the said amendment,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....130, Nays.....30.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Boss,	Mr. Edwards,
Adams,	Bryan,	Ellicott,
Allen, *Mass.*	Burwell,	Ervin, *S. C.*
Allen, *Vt.*	Butler,	Folger
Anderson, *Pen.*	Campbell,	Forsyth,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Claiborne,	Fuller,
Austin,	Cobb,	Gage,
Barbour, *Va.*	Comstock,	Garnett,
Barber, *Ohio,*	Cook,	Hale,
Bassett,	Crafts,	Hall, *Del.*
Bateman,	Crawford,	Hendricks,
Bayley,	Culbreth,	Herbert,
Beecher,	Cushman,	Herrick,
Bellinger,	Desha,	Hiester,
Bennett,	Drake,	Hitchcock,
Bloomfield,	Earle,	Hogg,

Mr. Holmes, *Mass.*	Mr. Nesbitt,	Mr. Bal. Smith,
Holmes, *Con.*	New,	J. S. Smith,
Hopkinson,	Newton,	Southard,
Hubbard,	Owen,	Spangler,
Hunter,	Parris,	Speed,
Huntington,	Patterson,	Strong,
Johnson, *Va.*	Pawling,	Stuart,
Johnson, *Ken.*	Pitkin,	Tallmadge,
Kinsey,	Porter,	Tarr,
Lawyer,	Quarles,	Taylor,
Linn,	Reed,	Tompkins,
Little,	Rhea,	Trimble,
Lowndes,	Rich,	Tucker, *Va.*
M'Lane,	Richards,	Tucker, *S. C.*
W. Maclay,	Robertson, *Ken.*	Tyler,
W. P. Maclay,	Ruggles,	Upham,
M'Coy,	Sampson,	Walker, *N. C.*
Marchand,	Savage,	Walker, *Ken.*
Marr,	Sawyer,	Wallace,
Mason, *Mass.*	Schuyler,	Wendover,
Mason, *R. I.*	Scudder,	Westerlo,
Merrill,	Sergeant,	Whiteside,
Moore,	Settle,	Whitman,
Morton,	Shaw,	Williams, *Con.*
Moseley,	Sherwood,	Williams, *N. C.*
Mumford,	Silsbee,	Wilkin,
Murray,	Slocumb,	Wilson, *Pen.* 130
Jer. Nelson,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Pindall,
Ball,	Kirtland,	Pleasants,
Blount,	Mercer,	Poindexter,
Clagett,	T. M. Nelson,	Robertson, *Lou.*
Colston,	Ogden,	Seybert,
Cruger,	Ogle,	Alex. Smyth,
Forney,	Orr,	Spencer,
Harrison,	Palmer,	Storrs,
Ingham,	Parrott,	Terry,
Irving, *N. Y.*	Peter,	Williams, *N. Y.* 30

The remaining amendment was then concurred in by the House, and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 21, 1818.

Another member, to wit: from Massachusetts, Thomas Rice, appeared, produced his credentials and took his seat; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Holmes of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Caleb B. Hall and others, stating that they became the proprietors of a quantity of merchandise imported into the port of Castine, in the District of Maine, while the same was in the possession of the British authorities, during the late war, the duties upon which were paid to the collector on the part of Great Britain, and praying to be exonerated from the payment of duties upon the said merchandise to the collector on the part of the United States, by whom they have been demanded, subsequent to the treaty of Ghent.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented similar petitions of Nathaniel W. Appleton and Henry Rice, merchants of Boston.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Jonas Harrison, late collector of internal duties and direct tax, in the twenty-fifth collection district of the state of New York, praying to be released from his liability to the government for taxes, which it is wholly out of his power to collect.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of John Dillon, presented on the 22d November, 1811, be also referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Strong presented a petition of Joseph Pierce, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed the commutation of half pay, to which he conceives himself entitled for his services aforesaid, as also a grant of such quantity of land as has been granted to other officers of his grade.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Caleb J. Whaley, praying for a pension, and for remuneration for losses sustained, while in the army as an officer, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Forsyth presented a petition of Thomas Cumming, Joseph Stiles, and William Wallace, administrators of the estate of Joseph Clay, deceased, late of the state of Georgia, praying to be paid the amount of seven loan office certificates belonging to the said estate, issued in the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hopkinson,

Ordered, That the petition of James Donahue, presented on the 27th day of January, 1817, be also referred to the said committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of paper, in the state of Connecticut, praying that additional duties may be imposed on paper imported into the United States.

Ordered, that the said petition be referred to the committe of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts,

Ordered, That the petition of William Osborn, presented on the 31st of May, 1813, be also referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Amherst, in the state of Massachusetts.

Mr. Walker, of North Carolina, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Buncombe county in North Carolina, respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office, and Post Roads.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of Samuel Russel, praying compensation for his services as an issuing commissary during the late war with Great Britain.

Order, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Elbert Herring, stating that he is now confined in prison in the city of New York, on judgments obtained against him at the suit of the United States, as the surety on certain revenue bonds; that the Secretary of the Treasury has directed his discharge upon the payment of costs, and that he is wholly unable to pay the same, and praying to be discharged from his said imprisonment without the payment of the said costs.

Mr. Speaker presented a petition of Peter Hirigoyen, stating that he is the inventor of a new distilling apparatus, and that he is unable to obtain a patent therefor, in consequence of his being an alien, and praying that an act may be passed directing the proper officer to grant him a patent for his said invention.

Ordered that the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Herbert,

Ordered, That the petition of the members of the congregation of the Rock Rreek Church, presented on the 4th Jauary, 1817, be referred to the committee f r the District of Columbia.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of B. and P. Jourdan, and a petition of madam Rosalie P. Deslonde, widow of George Deslonde, deceased, respectively praying compensation for the use and destruction of, and damages sustained by, their property by the American army during the military operations in the neighborhood of New Orleans, near the close of the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of Harry Blodget, Edmund Foster, and William Silence, and that they be referred to the Secretary of War, and that the said committee be also discharged from the petition of John Nutter, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Ordered, That the committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Samuel B. Brooke, and that it be referred to the Secretary of the Navy.

Ordered. That John Thompson have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed yesterday by Mr. Bassett, to the standing rules and orders of the House, and the same being modified to read as follows:

"Every subject, which, by leave of the House, shall be made the special order of the day for any particular day, (and which shall in all cases be decided without debate,) shall, on that day, have precedence of all other orders of the day, except the unfinished business of the preceding day."

The question was taken to agree thereto;

And was determined in the negative.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act making appropriations for the payment of the arrearages which have been incurred for the support of the military establishment previous to the 1st January, 1817; and,

An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year 1818, were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to prescribe the effect which certain records and judicial proceedings of the courts of each state shall have in every other state, and in the courts of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland reported the same with amendments.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments; when,

A motion was made by Mr. Forsyth, that the said bill be postponed indefinitely;

And the question being taken thereon;

It passed in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for repairing the public buildings;" and they have passed "A resolution directing the publication and distribution of the journal, and proceedings of the convention which formed the present Constitution of the United States;" in which resolution they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 22, 1818.

On motion of Mr. Claggett.

Ordered, That the petition of Benjamin Pool, presented on the 1st of March, 1817, be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Orr presented a petition of Samuel Gillchrist, praying for a pension.

Mr. Lawyer presented a petition of Joseph S. Van Driesen, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted to him.

Mr. Hogg presented a petition of William Moore, also praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Ralph M. Pomeroy, praying compensation for damages committed on his property in the town of Buffalo, in the state of New York, by a party of soldiers of the army of the United States, who assembled in a riotous and tumultuous manner for that purpose.

Mr. Hogg presented a petition of Basil Shaw, praying to be paid for a negro servant, who was killed in the battle of the 8th January, 1815, between the American and British armies near New Orleans.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Taylor.

Ordered, That the petition of Hannah Weed, presented on the 22d of December, 1815, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Seybert presented a petition of sundry importing merchants of the city of Philadelphia, stating, that during the winter months they are unable to import goods into the said city in consequence of the river Delaware being closed by ice, and praying that they may be permitted to import their goods into either of the neighboring ports of New York or Baltimore, and give their bonds for the duties to the collector in Philadelphia.

Mr. Tyler presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Richmond in Virginia, pew-holders in, and subscribers to, the Monumental Church in that city, praying that the duties imposed on an organ, imported from England for the said Church may be remitted.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants, postmasters of Susquehannah county, in the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Worcester in Wayne county, in the state of Ohio, respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Blount presented a petition of the third convention of the Manumission Society of Tennessee, praying that some measures may be adopted to ameliorate the condition of the slave population of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of the representatives of the annual meeting of the society of Friends, in Baltimore.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made reports on the petitions of John Barr and Joseph Landon, which

were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of John Barr, ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Joseph Landon, ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Lowndes, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to allow the benefit of drawback, on merchandise transported by land conveyance, from Bristol to Boston, and from Boston to Bristol, in like manner as if the same were transported coastwise;" reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Southard, from the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to Indian Affairs, made a report upon the subject, which was read; when,

Mr. Southard reported a bill, for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, and for the organization and encouragement of schools for their instruction and civilization; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entititled "An act making further provision for repairing the public buildings," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting two hundred printed copies of the Naval Register, for the year 1818, for the use of the members of the House,

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Virginia,

Resolved, That the committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what alterations are necessary and proper to be made in the several laws relating to the government of the Navy.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy, be directed to report to this House, the proceedings of the Court Martial, ordered by commodore Isaac Chauncy, on the Mediterranean station, for the trial of Capt. Oliver H. Perry: Also, the proceedings of the Court Martial, on the same station, ordered by the same officer, for the trial of Capt. John Heath, of the Marine Corps.

On motion of Mr. Barber, of Ohio,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salary of the register and receiver of public moneys at Marietta.

Mr. Harrison withdrew the resolution which he submitted yesterday, in relation to the memory of general Thaddeus Kosciusko.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, making appropriations for repairing certain roads, therein described," in which they ask the concurrence of this House.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning.

The resolution from the Senate, directing "the publication and distribution of the journal, and proceedings of the convention which formed the present Constitution of the United States," was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee appointed by this House on the 7th instant, upon that subject.

The House proceeded to consider the bill, authorizing the commutation of soldiers' bounty lands; when,

A motion was made by Mr. Garnett, that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon,

There appeared, { Yeas.....77, Nays.....77.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hogg,	Mr. Rhea,
Allen, *Mass.*	Holmes, *Mass.*	Savage,
Austin,	Holmes, *Con.*	Sawyer,
Ball,	Hopkinson,	Scudder,
Barbour, *Va.*	Hubbard,	Sergeant,
Bateman,	Hunter,	Settle,
Beecher,	Huntington,	Seybert,
Blount,	Ingham,	Shaw,
Bryan,	Johnson, *Va.*	Sherwood,
Butler,	Kinsey,	Slocumb,
Clagett,	Kirtland,	J. S. Smith,
Claiborne,	Lawyer,	Speed,
Colston,	Linn,	Spencer,
Cruger,	Livermore,	Storrs,
Cushman,	M'Lane,	Strother,
Drake,	W. Maclay,	Tarr,
Edwards,	W. P. Maclay,	Tompkins,
Ellicott,	M'Coy,	Tyler,
Folger,	Marchand,	Upham,
Forney,	Middleton,	Westerlo,
Garnett,	Moore,	Williams, *Con.*
Hall, *Del.*	Newton,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Hall, *N. C.*	Ogle,	Williams, *N. C.*
Hasbrouck,	Orr,	Wilkin,
Herkimer,	Pawling,	Wilson, *Pen.* 77
Hitchcock,	Porter,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Allen, *Vt.*	Mr. Irving, *N. Y.*	Mr. Richards,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Johnson, *Ken.*	Ringgold,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Jones,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Baldwin,	Little,	Robertson, *Lou.*
Bassett,	Lowndes,	Ruggles,
Bayley,	Marr,	Sampson,
Bellinger,	Mason, *Mass.*	Silsbee,
Bennett,	Mercer,	S. Smith,
Bloomfield,	Merrill,	Bal. Smith,
Boden,	Moseley,	Alex. Smyth,
Burwell,	Murray,	Southard,
Campbell,	Jer. Nelson,	Spangler,
Cobb,	H. Nelson,	Strong,
Cook,	T. M. Nelson,	Stuart,
Crafts,	New,	Tallmadge,
Crawford,	Ogden,	Taylor,
Culbreth,	Owen,	Trimble,
Desha,	Parris,	Tucker, *Va.*
Earle,	Parrott,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Floyd,	Patterson,	Walker, *N. C.*
Forsyth,	Peter,	Walker, *Ken*
Gage,	Pindall,	Wallace,
Hale,	Pleasants,	Wendover,
Harrison,	Quarles,	Whiteside,
Hendricks,	Reed,	Whitman. 77
Hiester,	Rich,	

The Speaker voting in the negative, the question was lost.

The question was then taken, to agree to the amendment proposed to the said bill, by Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, on the 31st ltimo;

And determined in the negative.

The amendments, reported by the committee of the whole, on he said 31st ultimo, were then amended at the Clerk's table, and oncurred in by the House, as amended; and,

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, further to amend the aid bill;

And debate arising thereon,

The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 23, 1818.

Mr. Claggett presented a petition of Robert Ramsay, praying for a penson.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee n Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Spangler,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Spangler, agent for the eirs of George Nebinger, deceased, presented on the 13th April, 812; and,

On motion of Mr. Barbour, of Virginia,

Ordered, That the petition of John Porter, presented on the 12th February, 1808, be referred to the said committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of sundry merchants of Salem, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that the terms of credit, for the duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from places beyond the Cape of Good Hope, may be modified and extended.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Crafts presentad a petition of William Johnson, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying that some provision may be made, for his future support.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on so much of the President's message, as relates to the surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army.

Mr. Lawyer presented a petition of captain Giles Kellogg, and the company under his command, late in the volunteer service of the United States, praying to be remunerated for losses, sustained by them at the capture of Ogdensburgh and Horse Island, in the state of New York, by the British forces, during the late war.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of John Bellinger, stating, that during the late war, his four sons died, while in the militia service of the United States, and praying to be paid the amount of his expenditures for attendance and medical aid, previous to their decease, and while in service, as aforesaid.

Mr. Marchand presented a petition of John Heddinger, praying to be paid the amount of a loan office certificate, issued in the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel H. Harper, presented on the 23d of January, 1817, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Comstock presented a petition of Benjamin Birdsall, a major in the army of the United States, stating, that in the assault of Fort Erie, in the British province of Upper Canada, during the late war, he received wounds which entirely disabled him from attending to business, by which he lost his vouchers for the expenditure of the public money placed in his possession, as also, a large sum of money with his sword and other property, and praying such relief in the premises, as it may be in the power of Congress to grant.

Ordered, That the said petitition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Ringgold presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of iron, praying that additional duties may be imposed on bar, pig, and cast iron, imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Slocumb presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Green county, in the state of North Carolina, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, that the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Owings, presented on the 27th February, 1816, be referred to the committee on so much of the President's message, as relates to Indian Affairs.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition in the French language, of Hyacinthe Bernard, praying that his title to lands, in the state of Louisiana, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petitions of the undermentioned persons, heretofore presented, be also referred to the said committee on Private Land Claims, viz:

Joseph Vidal, presented on the 11th January, 1815.

The heirs and executors of John O'Conner, presented on the 21st January, 1815.

Benjamin A. Smith, presented on the 1st March, 1816.

Raphael Smith, presented on the 1st March, 1816.

William Gilchrist, presented on the 1st March, 1816.

Lewis and Pierre Richard, presented on the 1st March, 1816.

William L. Collins, presented on the 13th and 23d December, 1816.

Hugh Mulholan, presented on the 23d December, 1816.

Daniel Callaghan's heirs, presented on the 23d December, 1816.

Anna Wade, presented on the 13th January, 1817.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Henry King, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Peter Snider, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Robertson also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Peter and Mary Stone, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Henry Williams, which was read and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Williams also made a detailed report on the petition of major Loring Austin, which was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of the said major Loring Austin, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made reports on the petitions of Matthew Cadwell, Pentland, Hegins & Steel, Moses Hall, Solomon Belew, Levi Bellows, Abraham Smith, and of Joseph Bevan, which said reports were read, and the several resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the respective petitioners, ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to supply vacancies under commissions of bankruptcy, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Pope, from the committee appointed on the petition of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, of the territory of Illinois, by leave of the House, reported a bill to enable the people of the Illinois territory, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States.

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 9th of December last, requesting information of what roads have been made, or are in progress, under the authority of the executive of the United States, the states and territories through which they pass, or are intended to pass, the periods when they were ordered to be made, and how far they have been executed; I now communicate a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, and likewise, a report from the Secretary of War, containing the information which is desired. JAMES MONROE.

Washington, January 23, 1818.

The said message was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. J. J. Monroe, also informed the House, that the President did, on the 22d instant, approve and sign,

An act allowing compensation to the members of the Senate, members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to delegates of the territories, and repealing all other laws on that subject.

An act for the relief of Winslow and Henry Lewis.
An act for the relief of Joel Earwood; and,
A resolution directing the procurement of certain laws.
Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Ingham,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to inquire what alterations are necessary to be made in the act, entitled "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks, and to authorize the laying out certain public roads, and for other purposes;" and,

Mr. Ingham, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Parris, Mr. Moseley, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Whitman, and Mr. Tallmadge, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland.

Resolved, That the committee on the public lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the introduction into all patents, hereafter to be issued for lands sold or granted by the United States, of a reservation to the use of the United States, of all copper mines, and of the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to lease any copper mines, the property of the United States, for a term not exceeding seven years.

On motion of Mr. Herrick,

Resolved, That the committee on Roads and Canals, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the appointment of commissioners to survey, lay out, and mark a road, from the west bank of the Ohio river, opposite the point where the Cumberland road strikes the same, through St. Clairsville to Columbus, from thence to the western line of the state of Ohio, in a direction to St. Louis, in the Missouri Territory.

On motion of Mr. Robertson of Louisiana,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury, be requested to lay before the Hous , a statement of the salaries, and an estimate of the present and future emoluments of the respective registers and receivers of public moneys, at the different land offices of the United States, and also, the amount of the salaries and emoluments of the several surveyors general, and principal deputy surveyors.

On motion of Mr. Forsyth,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of regulating by law, the number of passengers to be brought into the United States by American, or foreign vessels, according to the tonnage of the vessels.

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing into a separate land district, all that part of the Alabama territory which lies south of an east and west line, to be drawn from the boundary line dividing the state of Mississippi from said territory, through Fort Williams, to the western boundary of Georgia; and also, into the expediency of appointing a surveyor of all public lands in the said district; of sur-

veying, in the manner prescribed by law, such public lands, (to which the Indian title has been extinguished, and which are not already surveyed,) and of offering the same for sale as soon as possible.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, from the committee on so much of the President's message as relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning, to whom was committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to an act making appropriation for repairing certain roads therein described," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole House, to which was referred on the 15th ultimo, the report of the said committee on the subject of internal improvements.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to allow the benefit of drawback on merchandise transported by land conveyance from Bristol to Boston, and from Boston to Bristol, in like manner as if the same were transported coastwise," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, authorizing the commutation of soldiers' bounty lands; and the question depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, on the amendment proposed by Mr. Taylor, recurred, and being taken;

It passed in the affirmative;

The said bill was then further amended,

And on the question, shall it be engrossed as amended, and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....80, Nays.....82.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Ervin, *S. C.*	Mr. Lowndes,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Forsyth,	Marchand,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Fuller,	Mason, *Mass.*
Baldwin,	Gage,	Mercer,
Bellinger,	Hale,	Merrill,
Bennett,	Harrison,	Morton,
Bloomfield,	Hasbrouck,	Moseley,
Boden,	Hendricks,	Murray,
Burwell,	Herrick,	H. Nelson,
Cobb,	Hiester,	T. M. Nelson,
Comstock,	Hunter,	New,
Cook,	Ingham,	Ogden,
Crafts,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Ogle,
Crawford,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Owen,
Culbreth,	Jones,	Parris,
Desha,	Kinsey,	Parrott,
Earle,	Little,	Patterson,

Mr. Peter,	Mr. Robertson, *Lou.*	Mr. Trimble,	
Pindall,	Ruggles,	Tucker, *Va.*	
Pleasants,	Sampson,	Tucker, *S. C.*	
Poindexter,	Silsbee,	Walker, *N. C.*	
Quarles,	Bal. Smith,	Walker, *Ken.*	
Reed,	Alex. Smyth,	Wallace,	
Rich,	Southard,	Wendover,	
Richards,	Spangler,	Whiteside,	
Ringgold,	Tallmadge,	Whitman,	80
Robertson, *Ken.*	Taylor,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Holmes, *Con.*	Mr. Rhea,	
Allen, *Mass.*	Hopkinson,	Savage,	
Austin,	Hubbard,	Schuyler,	
Ball,	Huntington,	Scudder,	
Barbour, *Va.*	Johnson, *Va.*	Sergeant,	
Barber, *Ohio,*	Kirtland,	Settle,	
Bateman,	Lawyer,	Seybert,	
Beecher,	Lewis,	Shaw,	
Blount,	Linn,	Sherwood,	
Boss,	Livermore,	Slocumb,	
Bryan,	M'Lane,	J. S. Smith,	
Campbell,	W. Maclay,	Speed,	
Clagett,	W. P. Maclay,	Spencer,	
Claiborne,	M'Coy,	Storrs,	
Colston,	Marr,	Strong,	
Cruger,	Mason, *R. I.*	Strother,	
Cushman,	Middleton,	Tarr,	
Drake,	Moore,	Terry,	
Edwards,	Mumford,	Tompkins,	
Ellicott,	Jer. Nelson,	Tyler,	
Forney,	Nesbitt,	Upham,	
Garnett,	Newton,	Westerlo,	
Hall, *Del.*	Orr,	Williams, *Con.*	
Hall, *N. C.*	Palmer,	Williams, *N. Y.*	
Herkimer,	Pawling,	Williams, *N. C.*	
Hitchcock,	Pitkin,	Wilkin,	
Hogg,	Porter,	Wilson, *Pen.*	82
Holmes, *Mass.*			

And so the bill was rejected.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee of Claims upon the case of John I. Pattison, reported to this House by the Commissioner of Claims, on the 10th ultimo, and on the reports of the same committee on the cases of John Ireland, John Manning, John G. Mackall, and of the Levy Court of Calvert county, in the state of Maryland, all of which were also reported to this House by the said Commissioner, on the said 10th ultimo; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pleasants reported the agreement of the committee of the whole, to the resolutions submitted by the committee

tee of Claims in all the cases, except that of the Levy Court of Calvert county, on which he was directed to ask leave for the committee to set again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the case of the said Levy Court of Calvert county.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee of the whole, and the resolutions submitted by the committee of Claims, to which the said committee of the whole reported their agreement, were read, and the first thereof concurred in, to wit:

Resolved, That the application of John I. Pattison. to the Commissioner of Claims, and submitted by him to the House, be rejected.

Ordered, That the residue of the said report from the committee of the whole, be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 26, 1818.

Two other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, John Wilson, and from North Carolina, James Stewart, appeared, produced their credentials and took their seats, the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Parrott presented a petition of Robert B. Wilkins, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted to him.

Mr. Ogle presented a petition of George Bumgardner, praying for a pension.

Mr. Colston presented a petition of John Ager and others, heirs of Robert Ager, deceased, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying to be paid the amount of pay due for the services of the deceased, as also for a grant of the land to which he was entitled for his services in the capacity aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petitions he referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hopkinson,

Ordered, That the petition of Caleb and William Dobbins, and Sarah Whiteside, presented on the 13th day of February, 1817, be also referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Rice presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of cotton and woollen goods, in Kennebec county, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that the duties now payable on imported cotton and woollen goods may be made permanent, and that further provisions may be adopted to ensure the collection of the said duties.

Mr. Bassett presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of iron in the state of Maryland, praying that additional duties may be imposed on bar, pig, and cast iron, imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Rich presented a petition of Thomas Marsh, praying that himself and his sureties may be released from the penalty incurred by the forfeiture of his recognizance entered into, to appear in court and await the issue of an indictment against him, for a violation of an act of the 6th July, 1812, to prevent American vessels from trading with the enemies of the United States.

Mr. Rich also presented a similar petition of Asa Bulkley.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Irving, of New York,

Ordered, That the petition of Robert and Thomas Hutchison, presented on the 15th March, 1816, be also referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Rich also presented a petition of Daniel Coit, praying for the renewal of a patent heretofore granted him, for a discovery in the composition and manufacture of medicine.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of Charles A. Busley, praying that a patent may be granted him for a new invented water wheel, applicable to steam boats, horse boats, mills, and other aquatic machinery, which patent he is unable to obtain under the existing laws in consequence of his being an alien, and not having resided two years within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Spangler presented a petition of Herman Cookers, praying compensation for a quantity of grain furnished the revolutionary army, as also, for the grinding in his mill of a quantity of public grain.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Labeydoyere de Kermion, a petition of L. B. Macarty, and a petition of Alexander Milne, respectively praying compensation for damages sustained in their property by the American army, during the military operations in the neighborhood of New Orleans, near the close of the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Reed,

Ordered, That the petition of James Caldwell presented on the 6th January, 1817, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of a late company of Rangers, under the command of captain James Biggar, of the state of Indiana, praying further compensation for services rendered in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Barber, of Ohio, presented petitions of Gabriel M'Neal and Peter Null, respectively praying to be permitted to change their

entries of lands purchased of the United States, having through mistake entered tracts different from those which they intended to enter, and on which they are actually located.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Delaware and Richland, in the state of Ohio, praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Scott presented three petitions of Thomas Maddin, a petition of Benjamin Shell, a petition of Casper Shell, a petition of Foster Fartle, alias Hartle, and a petition of Peter Crites, respectively praying, that their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Ralph M. Pomeroy, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of Francis L. Harrison, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph Wellington Page, and that it be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made reports on the petitions of John Fields, John Barney, and of sundry importing merchants of Philadelphia, which reports were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners respectively ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Lowndes also made an unfavorable report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Richmond, in Virginia, pew holders in the Monumental Church, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill to continue in force an act, entitled "An act relating to settlers on lands of the United States," which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole on Wednesday next.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill, respecting the organization of the army of the United States, and for other purposes, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson also reported a bill for the relief of John Work, which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole, last appointed.

Mr. Sergeant, from the committee appointed on the petition of the American Bible Society, by leave of the House, reported (in part) a bill for the remission of duties upon stereotype plates, and upon bibles and testaments in foreign languages, imported by societies or associations, for the gratuitous distribution of the Holy Scriptures, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Parris, from the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to the public buildings, and to the erection of new edifices for the accommodation of the heads of Departments and the Attorney General, made a detailed report upon the subject, which was read; when,

Mr. Parris reported a bill to provide for erecting additional buildings for the accommodation of the several executive departments, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law, a post road from the village of Hamilton, in the county of Madison, and state of New York, through the towns of Lebanon and Georgetown, in said county, in the most direct route to the town of Otselick, in the county of Chenango, and state aforesaid.

Mr. Pindall submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That a docket of the bills, resolutions and reports, depending in the committee of the whole House, showing their order of precedence, be printed each week for the use of the members.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law, a post road from Warwick through *Northfield*, in Massachusetts, to Brattleborough, in Vermont.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of Treasury, on the petition of Samuel Buell, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting statements of contracts made during the last year, at the War Department and the offices attached thereto, on behalf of the United States, which was ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Blount, that the House do reconsider their vote on Friday last, concurring in the report of the committee of Claims, on the petition of Henry Williams.

And on the question, will the House reconsider the said vote?

It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said report be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to supply vacancies under commissions of bankruptcy," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 27, 1818.

Mr. Claggett presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of cotton and woollen goods in the state of New Hampshire, praying that the duties at present imposed on imported cotton and woollen goods may be made permanent, and that such other measures may be adopted as will afford to the manufacturing interest of the United States, the aid and encouragement necessary to the continuance of their operations.

Mr. Shaw presented a similar petition from sundry manufacturers of the same species of goods, in the state of Massachusetts.

Mr. Moseley presented a similar petition of the Connecticut Society for the encouragement of American manufactures.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Shenandoah, Frederick, and Loudon, in the state of Virginia, praying that additional duties may be imposed on bar, pig, and cast iron, imported into the United States.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Painesville in the county of Gauga, in the state of Ohio, praying that a new collection district, for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, may be established on the waters of Lake Erie, and that the said town may be established as a port of entry.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of Lewis Dennet, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted him.

Mr. Heister presented a petition of Peter Shoemaker, praying for a pension.

Mr. Rhea presented a petition of Joseph Reed, praying for arrearages of pension.

Mr. Hogg presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Tennessee, praying that a pension may be granted to a certain James Royal.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Isaac Hodsdon, late a captain in the army of the United States, praying to

be repaid the amount of damages and costs which he has been compelled to pay for prosecutions against him, for acts committed in the discharge of his duties in the capacity aforesaid.

Mr. Claiborne presented a similar petition of Robert Purdy, late a colonel in the army of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Culbreth,

Ordered, That the petition of Greenbury Griffin, presented on the 12th December, 1816, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Williams, of Connecticut, presented a petition of Elizabeth Eaton, the widow of the late general William Eaton, stating the services and sacrifices of her late husband in the public service, the poverty in which he left her and her children, the loss of two of her sons, one in the naval, and the other in the military service of the United States, and praying that some provision may be made for her maintenance, and for the support and education of the children of the said general Eaton.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of Noah Brown, Frederick Jenkins, and Renselaer Havens, of the city of New York, on behalf of themselves and others, the owners, officers and crew, of the private armed brig *Warrior*, stating, that in the month of March, 1815, the said brig captured a British vessel, which was brought into the port of New York, and there regularly condemned as lawful prize of war; the said captured vessel and cargo were sold by the marshal, and the proceeds of sale lodged in the hands of the Clerk of the District Court of the United States for the District of New York; that a considerable part of the said proceeds have been withheld from the petitioners, and they have been informed by the Court, that the same "have been taken away, but by whom and in what manner they are ignorant;" and praying such relief in the premises as to Congress shall seem just and proper.

Mr. Owen presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of salt in the state of North Carolina, praying that the duties on imported salt may be continued.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Lawyer presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of New York.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Settle presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of North Carolina; and,

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Coshockton county, in the state of Ohio, respectively praying for the establishment of, and alterations in post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Lawyer presented a petition of William Lamb, Ezra Thorp, and Isaac Patchin, praying compensation for services in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Silas Payne, a soldier in the said army, praying for a pension.

Mr. Linn presented a petition of John Harding, also praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to the surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Jasper Parrish, praying for a grant of land, lying in the state of Ohio, in consideration of services rendered as an Indian interpreter.

Mr. Claiborne presented a petition of Adam G. Goodlett, stating, that he purchased, as he supposed on the faith of the United States, a quantity of land, lying in what is commonly called *The Tennessee Company's purchase*, which he has been unable to locate in consequence of the prohibitory provisions of the laws of the United States, and praying relief in the premises.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of Benijah Wolcott, Ezra Lee, Abiather Sherley, Abner Young, George Bishop, and Joseph Ramsdel, praying for grants of land in consideration of services rendered against the Indians in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of William Flannigan, and William Parsons, praying additional compensation for building the United States frigate Java.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Claiborne presented a remonstrance of Andrew Jackson, in behalf of himself and in right of his wife, and as agent for the heirs and representatives of colonel John Donnelson, deceased, stating, that by an act of the state of Georgia, of the 20th February, 1784, the said Donnelson was appointed one of the commissioners for laying out a new county, in the Big Bend of the Tennessee River, for which services he became entitled to a large tract of land lying in said county, which they have been unable to obtain, for reasons set forth in the petition, and soliciting a conveyance thereof to him, and the rest of the heirs of said Donnelson; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Settle, and Mr. Crawford, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Claiborne also presented a similar petition of George W. Sevier, for, and in behalf of himself, and the other heirs and representatives of the late general John Sevier, deceased, which was referred to the committee last appointed.

On motion of Mr. Claiborne,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Carr, presented on the ——— day of ———— be also referred to the committee last appointed.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Robert Reed, praying that a patent may not issue to a certain Pierre Chouteau, in virtue of a concession to a certain Baptiste du Choquet, for 4000 arpens of land, on the left bank of the river Missouri, opposite the mouth of Osage river, until it is ascertained that such land is that described in the said concession.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Beecher presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Franklin, Delaware, Licking, Fairfield, Madison, and Pickaway, in the state of Ohio, praying that a turnpike, or military road may be made from the seat of government in the said state, to the lower rapids, on Sandusky river.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on so much of the President's message as relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Benjamin Pool, and that it be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Archibald M'Donald, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill for the relief of Benjamin Birdsall and William S. Forster, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Virginia,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from South Quay, in Nansemond county, Virginia, by the court house of Isle of Wight county, to the town of Smithfield, in the same county.

On motion of Mr. Claiborne,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Post Road from Huntsville, in the Alabama territory, by way of Melton's Bluff, on the Tennessee river, to the falls of the Black Warrior, thence by the way of the French settlement, at its mouth, to Fort St. Stephens, also another route from Fort St. Stephens, or Fort Stoddart, to Fort Jackson, from thence to intersect the first mentioned route at Huntsville.

On motion of Mr. Garnett,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the post

route from Lilly point, in the county of King William, and state of Virginia, to Halcyonville, in the same county and state.

On motion of Mr. Hogg,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the route from Liberty, in Smith county, Tennessee, to Lebanon, so as to pass through Maryville, in Wilson county.

On motion of Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts,

Resolved, That the claim of the state of Massachusetts for expenditures to their militia for their services during the late war, together with the documents on the files of this House, be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon; and,

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Orr, Mr. Burwell, Mr. Quarles, Mr. Tallmadge, and Mr. Mason of Rhode Island, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Burwell,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War, be directed to lay before this House, a statement of the claim of the state of Massachusetts, for the expenses of calling out the militia of that state, during the late war, and the reasons why those claims have not been settled by that Department.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a list of the names of the clerks imployed in the War Department, in the year 1817, with a statement of the salary allowed to each, which was read and referred to the committee appointed on the 23d instant, upon the subject of the salaries of the Clerks in the public offices.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the petition of Madam Poidevin, which was read and referred to the committee of Claims.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the remission of duties upon stereotype plates, and upon bibles and testaments in foreign languages, imported by societies or associations, for the gratuitous distribution of the Holy Scriptures," was read the third time and ordered to lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act making further provision for repairing the public buildings."

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 28, 1818.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of William Earl, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted him, in consideration of the loss of one of his legs, in an action between the American ship Good Man Richard, commanded by captain John Paul Jones, and a British ship of 44 guns.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to the surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army.

Mr. Orr presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Frankfort, Bucksport, Orrington, Bangor, Hampden, and Brewer, in the District of Maine, praying that a new collection district for the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, may be formed on the waters of Penobscot river, north of Orphan Island, and that Frankfort may be established as a port of entry, and Bangor, Hampden, and Bucksport, ports of delivery.

Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Belfast, Lincolnsville, Prospect, and Northport in the District of Maine, praying that the said town of Belfast may be established as a port of entry.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of Margaret Arundel, widow of Robert Arundel, deceased, late a sailing master in the navy of the United States, who was killed at the attack on Kingston, on Lake Ontario, during the late war with Great Britain, praying for a continuation of the pension heretofore granted to her.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Thomas Shields, a purser in the navy on the New Orleans station, praying to be allowed, in the settlement of his accounts, for losses sustained in the public property committed to his charge, and in his private property, which was taken for public use, during the military operations in the neighborhood of New Orleans, near the close of the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Ogle presented a petition of Arthur St. Clair, a major general in the revolutionary army, praying to be reimbursed the amount of money advanced by him for the recruiting service of the said army, which petition was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Ogle, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Smyth, Mr. Williams of Connecticut, and Mr. Storrs, were appointed to the said committee.

Mr. Garnett presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of King William, in the state of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented another petition of Thomas Shields, a purser in the navy of the United States, on the New Orleans station, stating that with an inferior force he captured, during the late war with Great Britain, a vessel under the British flag, the cargo of which has been condemned as lawful prize of war, one half of the proceeds of which have been awarded to the United States, and praying that, inasmuch as his force was greatly inferior to that of the vessel he captured, that part of the proceeds which has been paid over to the United States, may be granted to him and his associates.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Jones presented a petition of John W. Simonton, John Catron, Richard Tankersly, and Isaac Thomas, praying for a grant of two, three, or four townships of public land, on the Alabama river, or its tributary waters, at two dollars an acre, payable in ten years, in five equal payments, on which they propose to settle a colony of German and Swiss emigrants.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of Bernhard Steiner, of Switzerland, in Europe, praying that he may be permitted to purchase a township of public land, in the state of Indiana, for which he will pay one eighth of the purchase money immediately, one eighth in two years, and the balance at the expiration of ten years, upon which he proposes to settle a colony of Swiss emigrants.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the petition of Pierre Baribeau, presented on the 24th January, 1817, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Israel Smith, which was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of Israel Smith, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Williams also made reports on the petitions of Zachariah M'Girt, of John E. Myles, guardian of the heirs of Hannah Hale, and of Polly Jones, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Herrick, from the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of Josiah Bullock, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, made reports on the petitions of Pierre Heregoyen, and Augustin Busby,

which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Nelson also made an unfavourable report on the petition of Daniel Coit, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nelson also reported a bill, providing an additional compensation to the circuit judge of the sixth circuit of the United States, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of doctor James Spaulding, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Speed, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to allow the benefit of drawback on merchandize transported by land from Bristol to Boston and from Boston to Bristol, in like manner as if the same were transported coastwise," and had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

Mr. Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, be, and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a port of entry and delivery, at the town of Shieldsborough, on the bay of St. Louis, in the state of Mississippi.

On motion of Mr. Bal. Smith,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Kingwood, in the county of Preston, via, the Swamp, Hardin's Cove, Glade's Creek, Hunter's Fork, and Leading Creek, to Beverly, in the county of Randolph, Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the War Department, be requested to communicate to this House, a statement of the cases in which counsel has been employed to assist the judge advocates of the army of the United States, since the first day of August, 1812; the names of the counsel so employed, the compensations paid to them respectively, and the fund out of which the same have been paid; and the expenses of the several courts martial which have been held since that time, for the trial of officers of the army.

A motion was made by Mr. Rich, that the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters," be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be committed to the committee of the whole; to which is committed the bill supplementary to the act, to prohibit

the importation of slaves within the jurisdiction of the United States, passed 2d March, 1807; and the question being taken thereon;

It passed in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the establishment of additional land offices in the territory of Missouri," with amendments; and they have passed bills of the following titles:

An act directing the manner of appointing Indian agents, and continuing the "Act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes."

An act concerning the district of Brunswick, in the state of Georgia.

An act to incorporate the Mechanic Relief Society of Alexandria; and,

An act for the relief of Isaac Briggs.

In which amendments and bills, they ask the concurrence of this House:

And then he withdrew.

The House then again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the same with amendments.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 29, 1818.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Daniel Granger, collector of the customs for the district of Saco, in the state of Massachusetts, praying for an increase of his compensation.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of John Whistler, late a major by brevet, in the army of the United States, stating, that in obedience to the order of his superior officer, he transmitted by one of his sergeants the sum of three hundred dollars to one of his subalterns, and, that the said sergeant deserted with the money, and praying to be allowed the same in the settlement of his accounts.

Mr. Pleasants presented a petition of Nathaniel Childers, late a principal forage master in the army of the United States, praying for a reimbursement of moneys advanced by him for the public service.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of John Brown, praying for a pension.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of Abdiel M'Clure, praying compensation for his services as an officer in the revolutionary army, and for a reimbursement of moneys advanced by him for the use of the company to which he was attached.

Mr. Baldwin also presented a petition of James and Robert Blaine, executors of the last will and testament of their father, Ephraim Blaine, deceased, a deputy commissary general, and commissary general of purchases in the revolutionary army, praying compensation for the services of their said father, and for a reimbursement of the moneys advanced by him for the purchase of various supplies for the said army.

Mr. Ingham presented a petition of John Staples, praying compensation for his services as an officer in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Philadelphia, praying that no additional duty may be imposed on bar, cast, and pig iron, imported into the United States.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of the manufacturers of alum and copperas, on the river Magothy, in the state of Maryland, praying that additional duties may be imposed on those articles imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Elizabeth town, in the county of Alleghany, and state of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Ervin, of South Carolina, presented a petition of John M'Lean, post master at Marion court house, in South Carolina, praying for additional compensation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of John D. Carter, stating that he emigrated from Great Britain to the United States, in the year 1812, for the purpose of becoming a citizen thereof, and that upon his arrival, his property was seized, condemned, and sold, under the acts prohibiting the importation of British goods; and praying that the amount thereof may be returned to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Sergeant also presented a petition of the Pennsylvania society for promoting the abolition of slavery, praying that such amendments may be made to the act of 1793, entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters," as will more effectually secure the rights of people of color, who are free, or entitled to freedom; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of Joseph Penticost, on behalf of himself and the other heirs of Dorsey Penticost, deceased,

stating their title to a large quantity of land lying in the territory of Illinois, of which the United States have taken possession and sold a considerable part thereof; and praying that other public lands may be granted to them in lieu thereof.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That the petitions of the undermentioned persons heretofore presented, be also referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, viz:

Josiah H. M'Comas, presented on the 27th October, 1814.

Abraham M. Scott and others, presented on the 21st of November, 1814, and 2d January, 1816.

David Burney, presented on the 1st March, 1815.

Sarah Rowell, presented on the 26th December, 1815.

Daniel Burnett, presented on the 30th January, 1816.

Gibson Clarke, presented on the 30th January, 1816.

Jeremiah Hunt and others, presented on the 6th January, 1817.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of Camillus Griffith, presented on the 7th of February, 1817, be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petitions of Joseph. Cutts, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Lewis de Carpentier, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

A motion was made by Mr. M'Coy, that the House do reconsider their vote of yesterday, concurring in the report of the committee of Claims, on the petition of Zachariah M'Girt,

And the question being taken thereon;

It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said report and petition be recommitted to the committee of Claims, with instructions to examine the validity of the evidence upon which the claim is founded.

The Speaker laid before the House, a report of the Secretary of the Navy on the petition of Samuel B. Brook, which was read and referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Israel Smith," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the establishment of additional land offices in the territory of Missouri," were read and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act, directing the manner of appointing Indian agents, and continuing the "Act for esta-

trading houses with the Indian tribes," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to Indian Affairs.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning the district of Brunswick, in the state of Georgia," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the Mechanic Relief Society of Alexandria," was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the District of Columbia.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Briggs," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

A message in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, which he delivered in at the Speaker's table.

Mr. J. J. Monroe also notified the House, that the President did this day approve and sign, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making further provision for repairing the public buildings."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters;" and the said amendments being read;

Mr. Rich moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the said bill be referred to the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the annual meeting of the society of Friends, of Baltimore, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of so amending the said bill as to guard more effectually against infringements of the rights of free negroes, and other persons of color.

And on the question to agree to the said resolution;

It was determined in the negative.

The said amendments of the committee of the whole, were then amended and concurred in by the House as amended.

The said bill was then further amended.

And on the question, shall it be engrossed and read a third time?

It passed in the affirmative. { Yeas.....86, Nays.....55.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Bayley,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Ball,	Beecher,
Austin,	Bassett,	Bellinger,

Mr. Bloomfield,	Mr. Johnson, *Va.*	Mr. Reed,
Blount,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Rhea,
Bryan,	Lewis,	Ringgold,
Burwell,	Linn,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Campbell,	Little,	Ruggles,
Claiborne,	Lowndes,	Sampson,
Cobb,	M'Lane,	Sawyer,
Cook,	M'Coy,	Settle,
Crawford,	Marchand,	Slocumb,
Cruger,	Marr,	S. Smith,
Desha,	Mason, *Mass.*	Bal. Smith,
Drake,	Middleton,	Alex. Smyth,
Earle,	Moore,	Southard,
Edwards,	Mumford,	Speed,
Ellicott,	H. Nelson,	Spencer,
Ervin, *S. C.*	Nesbitt,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Floyd,	Newton,	Storrs,
Forney,	Owen,	Strother,
Forsyth,	Palmer,	Stuart,
Garnett,	Patterson,	Tompkins,
Hall, *Del.*	Peter,	Trimble,
Hall, *N. C.*	Pindall,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Harrison,	Pleasants,	Walker, *N. C.*
Hogg,	Poindexter,	Williams, *N. C.*
Holmes, *Mass.*	Porter,	Wilson, *Mass.* 86
Hubbard,	Quarles,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Huntingdon,	Mr. Savage,
Allen, *Mass.*	Ingham,	Scudder,
Allen, *Vt.*	Irving, *N. Y.*	Sergeant,
Bateman,	Kinsey,	Seybert,
Bennett,	Lawyer,	Sherwood,
Boss,	Livermore,	Silsbee,
Butler,	W. Maclay,	Spangler,
Clagett,	W. P. Maclay,	Strong,
Crafts,	Merrill,	Tarr,
Culbreth,	Morton,	Taylor,
Folger,	Murray,	Terry,
Fuller,	Jer. Nelson,	Upham,
Hale,	Orr,	Wallace,
Hendricks,	Parrott,	Wendover,
Herrick,	Pawling,	Williams, *Con.*
Hitchcock,	Rice,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Holmes, *Con.*	Rich,	Wilkin,
Hopkinson,	Richards,	Wilson, *Pen.* 55
Hunter,		

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1818.

Mr. Crafts presented a petition of Chancey Curtis, a petition of James Luther, soldiers in the revolutionary army, and a petition of Abner Curtis, respectively praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to the Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary Army.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of the manufacturers of corks, in the city of New York, praying that specific duties may be imposed on imported corks.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Ringgold presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the states of Maryland and Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Earle presented a petition of George M'Beth, and a petition of John Evans, respectively praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Jones presented a petition of Quin Morton, praying compensation for services performed by him as an assistant assessor, in the third collection district, in the state of Tennessee.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of Charles Sinks, praying for the pre-emption right in the purchase of a tract of public land lying in the state of Indiana, on which he has erected a grist mill.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Richard Bland Lee, commissioner of Claims, communicating "reports of the facts" in the cases of John Anderson, Jean Baptiste Jerome, Gabriel Godfroy, and Jean Baptiste Beaugroud, Jean Baptiste Conture, George M'Dougal, and Hubert La Croix, all of the territory of Michigan, with the evidence accompanying each, which was referred to the committee of Claims.

On the motion of Mr. Palmer,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Samuel Buell, together with the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Ogle, from the committee appointed on the petition of general Arthur St. Clair, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the relief of major general Arthur St. Clair, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, today.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting copies of the proceedings of the court martial for the trial of captain Oliver Hazard Perry, and also, of the proceedings of the court martial for the trial of captain John Heath, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The message received yesterday from the President of the United States was read, and is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States,

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 23d of December last, requesting information relative to the imprisonment, and detention in confinement, of Richard W. Meade, a citizen of the United States, I now transmit to the House a report from the Secretary of state, containing the information required.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, January 29, 1818.

Ordered, That the said message lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House, such information as he may possess (and which may be communicated without injury to the public interest) relative to the claims of the merchants of the United States, for their property seized and confiscated under the authority of the King of Naples.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, and Mr. Westerlo, were appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President.

The House took up the report of the committee of Ways and Means, on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Richmond, pewholders in the Monumental Church, and the resolution therein contained was read as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

A motion was made by Mr. Tyler to amend the said resolution by striking out the word *not*.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

The said resolution was then concurred in by the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the payment of the arrearages which have been incurred for the support of the military establishment, previous to the first of January, 1817," with an amendment in which they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill to amend the act, entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters," was read the third time;

And on the question, shall the said bill pass?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....84, Nays.....69.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Herkimer,	Mr. Pleasants,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Hogg,	Poindexter,
Austin,	Holmes, *Mass.*	Quarles,
Baldwin,	Hubbard,	Reed,
Bassett,	Johnson, *Va.*	Rhea,
Bayley,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Ringgold,
Bellinger,	Lewis,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Blair,	Little,	Robertson, *Lou.*
Bryan,	Lowndes,	Ruggles,
Burwell,	M'Lane,	Sampson,
Campbell,	M'Coy,	Settle,
Cobb,	Marchand,	Slocumb,
Colston,	Marr,	S. Smith,
Cook,	Mason, *Mass.*	Bal. Smith,
Crawford,	Mercer,	J. S. Smith,
Desha,	Middleton,	Speed,
Drake,	Moore,	Spencer,
Earle,	Mumford,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Edwards,	H. Nelson,	Storrs,
Ervin, *S. C.*	Nesbitt,	Strother,
Floyd,	New,	Stuart, *Md.*
Forney,	Newton,	Tompkins,
Forsyth,	Ogden,	Trimble,
Garnett,	Owen,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Hall, *Del.*	Palmer,	Tyler,
Hall, *N. C.*	Patterson,	Walker, *N. C.*
Hasbrouck,	Peter,	Williams, *N. C.*
Herbert,	Pindall,	Wilson, *Mass.* 84

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Cushman,	Mr. Kirtland,
Allen, *Mass.*	Folger	Lawyer,
Allen, *Vt.*	Fuller,	Livermore,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Gage,	W. Maclay,
Ball,	Hale,	W. P. Maclay,
Barber, *Ohio,*	Hendricks,	Merrill,
Bateman,	Herrick,	Morton,
Beecher,	Hiester,	Murray,
Bennett,	Hitchcock,	Ogle,
Boden,	Hopkinson,	Orr,
Boss,	Hunter,	Parrott,
Clagett,	Huntingdon,	Pawling,
Comstock,	Ingham,	Pitkin,
Crafts,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Rice,
Culbreth,	Kinsey,	Rich,

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Mr. Smith, of Maryland, and Mr. Westerlo, were appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President.

The House took up the report of the committee of Ways and Means, on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Richmond, pewholders in the Monumental Church, and the resolution therein contained was read as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

A motion was made by Mr. Tyler to amend the said resolution by striking out the word *not*.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

The said resolution was then concurred in by the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the payment of the arrearages which have been incurred for the support of the military establishment, previous to the first of January, 1817," with an amendment in which they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

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Anderson, *Ken.*	Hogg,	Poindexter,
Austin,	Holmes, *Mass.*	Quarles,
Baldwin,	Hubbard,	Reed,
Bassett,	Johnson, *Va.*	Rhea,
Bayley,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Ringgold,
Bellinger,	Lewis,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Blackmfield,	Little,	Robertson, *Lou.*
Bryan,	Lowndes,	Ruggles,
Burwell,	M'Lane,	Sampson,
Campbell,	M'Coy,	Settle,
Cobb,	Marchand,	Slocumb,
Colston,	Marr,	S. Smith,
Cook,	Mason, *Mass.*	Bal. Smith,
Crawford,	Mercer,	J. S. Smith,
Desha,	Middleton,	Speed,
Drake,	Moore,	Spencer,
Earle,	Mumford,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Edwards,	H. Nelson,	Storrs,
Ervin, *S. C.*	Nesbitt,	Strother,
Floyd,	New,	Stuart, *Md.*
Forney,	Newton,	Tompkins,
Forsyth,	Ogden,	Trimble,
Garnett,	Owen,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Hall, *Del.*	Palmer,	Tyler,
Hall, *N. C.*	Patterson,	Walker, *N. C.*
Hasbrouck,	Peter,	Williams, *N. C.*
Herbert,	Pindall,	Wilson, *Mass.* 84

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Cushman,	Mr. Kirtland,
Allen, *Mass.*	Folger	Lawyer,
Allen, *Vt.*	Fuller,	Livermore,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Gage,	W. Maclay,
Ball,	Hale,	W. P. Maclay,
Barber, *Ohio,*	Hendricks,	Merrill,
Bateman,	Herrick,	Morton,
Beecher,	Hiester,	Murray,
Bennett,	Hitchcock,	Ogle,
Boden,	Hopkinson,	Orr,
Boss,	Hunter,	Parrott,
Clagett,	Huntingdon,	Pawling,
Comstock,	Ingham,	Pitkin,
Crafts,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Rice,
Culbreth,	Kinsey,	Rich,

Mr. Richards,	Mr. Spangler,	Mr. Wallace,
Savage,	Strong,	Wendover,
Scudder,	Tallmadge,	Whiteside,
Sergeant,	Tarr,	Whitman,
Seybert,	Taylor,	Williams, *Con.*
Shaw,	Terry,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Sherwood,	Townsend,	Wilkin,
Silsbee,	Upham,	Wilson, *Pen.* 69

Ordered, That the title be, "An act to provide for delivering up persons held to labor or service in any of the states or territories, who shall escape into any other state or territory," and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 2, 1818.

Mr. Merrill presented a petition of Charles Morgan, praying for a grant of land, as also for a pension, in consideration of the loss of one of his legs, whilst an artificer in the army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of Jacob Brown, a major general in the army of the United States, stating that during the late war, he arrested a certain Henry Utley, on a charge of being a spy in the service of the enemy, who made his escape from confinement before he could be brought to trial; that since the war, the said Utley has recovered damages against him in consequence of said arrest, and praying to be indemnified against the said damages.

Mr. W. Maclay presented a petition of John Favorite, praying compensation for property taken from him by the enemy while an officer of militia in the service of the United States.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Joseph Hicks, praying to be reimbursed the amount of money expended by him while sick, on his return home from a tour of militia duty in the service of the United States.

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of Catharine M'Culloch, widow of George M'Culloch, deceased, who died in the military service of the United States, praying compensation for the service of her said husband, and for the pension allowed to the widows and orphans of volunteers who died in the service of the United States.

Ordered, that the said petitions be referred to the committtee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, that the petition of Joseph Hertick, presented on the 17th of February, 1815, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Garnett presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Amelia and Charlotte counties, in the state of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That the petition of Erastus Granger, presented on the 14th February, 1817, be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Westerlo presented a petition of Jeremiah Ryan, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted to him.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of Isaac Ackerman, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted to him.

Mr. Marchand presented a petition of Enos Granniss, praying compensation for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army, and subsequently as an officer of artificers in the said army, as also for his bounty and a grant of the land to which he is entitled for said services.

Mr. Marr presented a petition of Charles Neilly, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. M'Lane presented a petition of Thomas Witherspoon, Clerk of the district and circuit courts of the United States, in and for the district of Delaware, praying for additional compensation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Dorchester, Somerset, and Worcester, in the state of Maryland, praying for the erection of a light house on a suitable point of the Tangier Islands, or on the main land adjacent to the said islands.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The Speaker also presented a petition of Francis M'Alear, praying for the remission of a penalty recovered against him on a charge of selling spirituous liquors without a lecense, for the reasons set forth in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Charles Tayon, praying that his title to a tract of land in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scott also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Missouri, praying that the said territory may be erect-

ed into a state government, and admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Benjamin Berry, which was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of the said Benjamin Berry, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, on Whednesday next.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Miller & Barker, which was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of Thomas Miller and Stephen Baker, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Daniel Granger, and that it be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Southard, from the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to Indian Affairs, made a report on the petition of Thomas Owings, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to *withdraw* his petition.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the post road from Elizabethtown, in Kentucky, to Corydon, in Indiana, that the same pass through Liconia and Elizabeth, in the county of Harrison, and said state of Indiana.

On motion of Mr. Ingham,

Resolved, That the Commissioner of the Public Buildings be directed to communicate to this House, a copy of the original deed of conveyance to the trustees of the United States, for the public lots in the city of Washington, and such other information as may be in his possession, relating to the location of the public offices on the President's square.

On motion of Mr. Silsbee,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the "Acts regulating the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," as that masters of vessels which may stop for supplies, or in consequence of adverse winds or weather, at the port of Martha's Vineyard, within the district of Edgartown, *on their way to other ports of the United States*, may not be compelled to make entry of their vessels or to pay hospital money or tonnage duty, at any of the ports within said district, nor to proceed from the port at which the ves-

sel may arrive to any other port within that district, for the purpose of making a report.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury cause to be laid before this House, the reports of the several boards of commissioners, appointed for the settlement and adjustment of land claims, in the state of Louisiana, and territory of Missouri.

On motion of Mr. Marr,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Portroyal, in Montgomery county, Tennessee, by Jonesville, and through Ewinsville to Hopkinsville in the state of Kentucky.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of James and Robert Blaine, presented on the 11th February, 1806.

The Speaker laid defore the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the amount received by each clerk in the several offices of the Treasury Department, for services rendered in the year 1817, which was referred to the committee appointed on the 23d ult. upon the subject of clerks' salaries.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting reports made in obedience to a resolution of the 19th December last, upon the subject of land warrants, issued, and extra pay allowed, since the 3d March, 1817, under the "act granting bounties in land and extra pay, to certain Canadian volunteers," and the act supplementary thereto, which were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting two statements, showing the quantity of land in each of the land districts, the quantity which has been sold, and the quantity remaining for sale, together with the emoluments of the registers and receivers of the land offices for four years preceding the 1st October, 1817, which was referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Bassett submitted to the House a bill for organizing, classing, and arming the militia, and for calling them forth to execute the laws of the union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions, and to repeal the laws heretofore passed for those purposes, to be taken up upon the consideration of the bill reported at the present session by Mr. Harrison, from the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to the Militia.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the payment of the arrearages which have been incurred for the support of the military establishlishment, previous to the 1st January, 1817," was read and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of major general Arthur St. Clair, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill:

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 3, 1818.

Another member, to wit: from Massachusetts, Elijah H. Mills appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Rochester, Wareham, Sandwich, and Falmouth, in the state of Massachusetts, praying for the erection of a light house on Bird Island, in Buzzard Bay.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of paper, in the state of Connecticut, praying that additional duties may be imposed on imported paper.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of sundry coppersmiths in the city of New York, praying that additional duties may be imposed on manufactured copper imported into the United States.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of Thomas Tennant and George Stiles, merchants of Baltimore, praying that certificates of registry may be granted to certain vessels belonging to them, for reasons set forth in their petition.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Orr presented a petition of John Whiting, a captain of a company of volunteers, in the late war, praying compensation for his services in raising said company, and for a reimbursement of moneys expended by him to arm, equip, and support the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the petition of John Free, presented on the 21st February, 1816, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Connecticut,

Ordered, That the petition of Augustus Perkins, presented on the 13th January, 1817, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Lowndes presented a petition of Thomas H. Jervey, surveyor of the customs for the port of Charleston, in South Carolina, praying to be allowed one half of the proceeds arising from the condemnation of two vessels, for violations of the act prohibiting the

importation of slaves into the United States, as a reward for his vigilance in detecting, and exertions in procuring the condemnation of the said vessels.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Moore presented a petition of John Bradford, postmaster at Franklin, in the county of Venango, and state of Pennsylvania, praying for an increase of compensation.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Royalton and its vicinity, in the state of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. M'Coy presented a petition of Richard Shott, praying for a pension.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Virginia, praying that a pension may be granted to William Elliott.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Burwell,

Ordered, That the petition of James Sawyers, presented on the 15th day of December, 1809, be also referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Claiborne presented a petition of William B. Lewis, a quartermaster in the service of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain, praying to be allowed, in the settlement of his accounts, for moneys advanced by him to the commanding officer of a regiment for the use of the same, under an order from his commanding officer, which has been rejected at the War Department in consequence of his not producing the subordinate vouchers of expenditure, which were never furnished him by the officer commanding said regiment.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker presented a petition of James Simpson, Consul of the United States, for Morocco, in Barbary, praying to be allowed and paid for his services in the capacity aforesaid, at the rate of four thousand dollars per annum, to commence from the date of his appointment, in the year 1795, or that such other relief may be granted him as will relieve his pecuniary embarrassments.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Barber, of Ohio, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Gallia county, in the state of Ohio, praying that a road may be made from James river to Greenbriar river, in the state of Virginia.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on so much of the Pesident's message as relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of colonel Allan M'Lane, and John W. Godfroy, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the payment of the arrearages which have been incurred for the support of the military establishment, previous to the 1st January, 1817," reported the agreement of the committee to the said amendment.

The said amendment was then read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of Taylor and Walker, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowndes also made reports on the petitions of Robert Burnside, George Simpson, Asa Buckley, and of Thomas Marsh, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the respective petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Lowndes also made a report on the petition of Jonathan Amory, Jun. which was read; when,

Mr. Lowndes reported a bill for the relief of Jonathan Amory, Jun. and of the representatives of Thomas C. Amory, deceased, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee aforesaid, to whom was referred the petition of Morton and Sneed, reported a bill to authorize payment in certain cases, on account of Treasury Notes, which have been lost or destroyed, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Gooding, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Basil Shaw, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the application of Samuel Hughes, transmitted to this House with a statement of facts by the commissioner of claims, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Richard

Tankersly, Joseph Symington, John Catron, and Isaac Thomas, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson also made reports on the petitions of Peter Null and Gabriel M'Neal, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the respective petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Herbert, from the committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill to incorporate the Columbian Institute for the promotion of arts and sciences, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Herbert, from the same committee to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the Mechanic Relief Society of Alexandria," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, tomorrow.

Mr. Comstock, from the committee appointed on the petition of doctor James Smith (vaccine agent) made a report thereon, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That it is *inexpedient* to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee did yesterday present to the President of the United States, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to allow the benefit of drawback on merchandise transported by land conveyance from Bristol to Boston and from Boston to Bristol, in like manner as if the same were transported coastwise."

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States, a resolution concerning the claims upon the government of Naples, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered, that he would attend to the request contained in the resolution.

Mr. Forsyth submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table till to-morrow.

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire whether the Bank of the United States is authorized by its charter, to receive as pledge or security, for loans made to individuals or corporations, a transfer of public debt made to the bank, or to any officer thereof, and if in their opinion, such transfers are not authorized by the act of incorporation, to report to the House some effectual mode of preventing them from being hereafter made.

Mr. Trimble submitted the following resolution which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the demand made by the President of the United States upon the king of Spain, for the liberation of Richard

W. Meade, a citizen of the United States, detained in confinement in the castle of Santa Catalina, at Cadiz, ought to be supported and enforced, by vesting the President with authority to make reprisals in the *event* of a failure on the part of Spain, promptly to discharge the said Meade.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1818," with amendments; and they have passed a bill, entitled "An act to divide the state of Pennsylvania into two judicial districts," in which bill and amendments, they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The amendments to the first mentioned bill were read, and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to divide the state of Pennsylvania, into two judicial districts," was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law, for allowing foreign wines and distilled spirits to be deposited in the storehouses of the government, and of limiting the drawback of duties upon their exportation, to such as shall have been so deposited.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief major general Arthur St. Clair; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

Resolved, That the Secretaries of the Treasury and War Departments, do cause to be laid before this House, a statement of the accounts of general Arthur St. Clair with the general Government, both before and since the adoption of the Federal constitution, to be found in their offices respectively, and, if the same have been settled and balanced, showing in what manner, and at what dates the same were settled and balanced.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 4, 1818.

Mr. Strong presented a petition of Moses Sanderson, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted to him.

Mr. Blount presented a petition of Samuel Douthet, praying to be paid for property belonging to a certain Malechia Motlow, deceased, of which he was robbed by the Cherokee Indians, in the

year 1788, the government having subsequently, by treaty with said Indians, relinquished to them all property which they had taken from the citizens of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. M'Lane presented a petition of the Delaware Society, for the promotion of American Manufactures, praying that such measures may be adopted, as will afford to the manufaturing interest of the United States, the protection and encouragement, necessary to the continuance of their operations.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Wendover,

Ordered, That the petition of Oliver H. Hicks, and Lockwood Deforest, presented on the 14th January, 1817, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Savage presented a petition of Peter Sailly, Charles Platt, and Melanchton Smith, praying compensation for damages committed on their property in the town of Plattsburgh, and state of New York, by the American forces in the month of September, 1814.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of Lewis Cass, governor, and of Augustus B. Woodward, John Griffin and James Witherell, judges of the territory of Michigan, praying that the boundary line between the said territory and the state of Ohio, may be run and established, agreeably to the provisions of the ordinance of Congress, of 1787, and of the several acts of Congress heretofore passed upon the subject.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of John Humphreys, and John Perrin, executors of the last will and testament of John Hamilton, deceased, praying that the interest due on the purchase money for a tract of land, bought by the said Hamilton from the United States, may be remitted, as the said Hamilton was unable to pay the instalments as they became due, in consequence of the United States withholding a large sum of money belonging to him.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Narcissus Brontin, praying that his title to a tract of land in the state of Mississippi, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Ingham,

Ordered, That so much of the petition of John M'Cauly, prize agent for the captors of certain vessels during the war with Tripoli, as relates to the claim for the value of the brig Syren, be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Ordered, That the committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Abraham P. Gibson, and that he have leave to withdraw the same.

Ordered, That the committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Briggs," and that it be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the establishment of additional land offices in the territory of Missouri," reported the same with amendments, which were read and agreed to by the House.

The question was then taken to concur in the said amendments as amended;

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Forsyth,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him yesterday, and the same being again read, was agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 26th ult. and the same being read was disagreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Vincennes, in the state of Indiana, to St. Louis in the Missouri Territory; from Jackson, in the county of Cape Gerardeau, to Bette's Ferry, on the St. Francois river, in the same county; from St. Michael, in the county of St. Genevieve, to the town of St. Genevieve, by the way of Potosi, in Warlington county, to Franklin, in Howard county.

On motion of Mr. Rich,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Hancock, through Warren and Waitsfield, to Waterbury or Montpelier, in the state of Vermont.

On motion of Mr. Barber, of Ohio,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Belpree, in Ohio, to the road from Chillicothe to Maysville, in Kentucky, to pass Cooley's Mills, Wilksville, the seat of justice in Jackson county, and Piketon.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from Albion K. Parris, communicating information that he has addressed a letter to the governor of Massachusetts, resigning his seat as a repre-

sentative from that state, in the Congress of the United States; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Columbian Insurance Company of Alexandria," with amendments, in which amendments they ask the concurrence of this House. They have postponed until the 1st Monday in July next, the bill entitled "An act for the relief of Noah Miller."

And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a list of crontracts made at the Post Office Department during the year 1817, on behalf of the United States; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual statements of miscellaneous claims paid during the year 1817, of contracts made at the Treasury in the same year, on behalf of the United States, and of payments by collectors, in 1815 and 1816, in relation to the revenue, and to the temporary relief of sick and disabled seamen, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1818," made a report thereon which was read, and, together with the said amendments, committed to a committee of the whole, to-day.

Ordered, That the several orders of the day which precede the order on the said report and amendments, be postponed until to-morrow.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said report and amendments; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the agreement of the committee of the whole to the report of the committee of Ways and Means.

The first amendment proposed by the Senate, and to which the committee of Ways and Means reported their disagreement, is as follows:

For additional pay, rations and forage, to officers having brevet commissions, when commanding separate posts, districts, or detachments requiring them to act in their brevet rank, 20,000 dollars.

And on the question to concur with the committee of Ways and Means, and with the committee of the whole, in their disagreement thereto;

It passed in the affirmative. { Yeas.....125, Nays.....32.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,
Adams,
Allen, *Vt.*
Anderson, *Pen.*
Anderson, *Ken.*
Austin,
Barbour, *Va.*
Bassett,
Bateman,
Bayley,
Bellinger,
Bennett,
Bloomfield,
Boden,
Boss,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Butler,
Campbell,
Claiborne,
Cobb,
Comstock,
Cook,
Crafts,
Culbreth,
Cushman,
Desha,
Drake,
Earle,
Edwards,
Ellicott,
Ervin, *S. C.*
Floyd,
Folger,
Forsyth,
Gage,
Garnett,
Hale,
Hall, *Del.*
Hall, *N. C.*
Hendricks,
Herbert,
Mr. Herrick,
Hiester,
Hogg,
Holmes, *Mass.*
Holmes, *Con.*
Hopkinson,
Hubbard,
Hunter,
Huntington,
Johnson, *Va.*
Lawyer,
Linn,
Little,
Lowndes,
M'Lane,
W. Maclay,
W. P. Maclay,
M'Coy,
Marchand,
Merrill,
Mills,
Moore,
Morton,
Moseley,
Mumford,
Murray,
Jer. Nelson,
H. Nelson,
Nesbitt,
New,
Newton,
Owen,
Patterson,
Pawling,
Pitkin,
Porter,
Quarles,
Reed,
Rhea,
Rice,
Rich,
Richards,
Mr. Ringgold,
Robertson, *Ken.*
Ruggles,
Sampson,
Savage,
Sawyer,
Scudder,
Sergeant,
Settle,
Shaw,
Sherwood,
Silsbee,
Slocumb,
S. Smith,
Bal. Smith,
J. S. Smith,
Southard,
Spangler,
Speed,
Stewart, *N. C.*
Strong,
Strother,
Stuart, *Md.*
Tallmadge,
Tarr,
Taylor,
Tompkins,
Townsend,
Trimble,
Tucker, *Va.*
Tucker, *S. C.*
Tyler,
Upham,
Walker, *Ken.*
Wallace,
Wendover,
Whiteside,
Williams, *Con.*
Williams, *N. C.*
Wilkin,
Wilson, *Pen.* 125

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Baldwin,
Ball,
Blount,
Colston,
Cruger,
Forney,
Mr. Fuller,
Harrison,
Herkimer,
Ingham,
Irving, *N. Y.*
Jones,
Mr. Kinsey,
Livermore,
Mercer,
T. M. Nelson,
Ogden,
Ogle,

Mr. Orr,	Mr. Poindexter,	Mr. Storrs,	
Palmer,	Robertson, *Lou.*	Terry,	
Parrott,	Seybert,	Williams, *N. Y.*	
Peter,	Alex. Smyth,	Wilson, *Mass.*	32
Pindall,	Spencer,		

The residue of the amendments proposed by the Senate to the said bill, were then concurred in by the House, with amendments to the third.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 5, 1818.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Salem, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that the duties on imported bar iron may not be increased.

Mr. Folger presented a petition of Oliver Crosby, Moses Cromwell, and Jeremiah Crowell, owners of a fishing vessel called the Oliver Cromwell, stating that whilst the said vessel was employed on a fishing voyage, she was captured by a British cruiser, and carried into Halifax, where she was released, upon the payment of costs and charges, by which capture they were unable to employ their said vessel for the time requisite to obtain the bounty allowed on a fishing voyage, and praying to be allowed the said bounty.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of Daniel Pettibone, Ezekiel Chapman, and ——— Nicholls, praying that the Secretary of State may be authorized to renew to them a patent right for welding cast steel with iron, including some new and further inventions relative thereto; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Whitman, Mr. Folger, and Mr. Kinsey, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Sherwood presented a petition of Stephen Betts, a captain in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Mr. Bennett presented a petition of David Bowers, also praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Ordered, That the petition of Charles Croxall, presented on the 21st of February, 1816, be also referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Thomas W. Phelps, Warren Colton, and Enoch M. Granger, praying to be exonerated from the payment of a bond given to secure the duties on a distillery, the property of a certain Samuel Blakeslee, as the said Blakeslee has

become insolvent, and the petitioners are wholly unable to pay the said bond.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Robertson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Illinois, praying that the titles of some of them to lands in said territory, may be confirmed, and that grants of land may be made to others in consderation of their services as volunteers, in the expedition commanded by general George Rogers Clark, against the British and Indians, in the western country, in the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of Eli Danforth, praying compensation for his property destroyed by the Indians in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of sundry inhabitants on the river Raisin, in the territory of Michigan.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of Sylviant Mottus, a petition of Marie Jeane Dupont, a petition of Louis Dolives and Louisa, his wife, Francis Gerard and Margueritte, his wife, Joseph Krebs, and Eleanor, his wife, and of Peter Gillchrist and Marie, his wife, heirs of Matthew Leflaux, a petition of Regis Duret and others, heirs of Louis Duret, deceased, a petition of Josiah Carney, a petition of James Innerarity and others, heirs of Peter Trouillet, deceased, a petition of John Baker and others, heirs of John Baker, deceased, respectively praying that their titles to lands in the territory of Alabama, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. J. S. Smith,

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of Jacob Greer.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Samuel Tucker, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Frederick Falley, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of altering the time of holding the district court, now by law holden at Portland within and for the District of Maine, on the last Tuesday of May, annually, to the first Tuesday in June, annually.

On motion of Mr. New,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Newburg, in Kentucky, by Ervingsville and Sevells, to Clarksville, in Tennessee.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Pikeville, in Bledsoe county, in the state of Tennessee, to the seat of justice in Marion county, and from thence to Winchester, in the county of Franklin.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Columbian Insurance Company of Alexandria," were read and referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of major general Arthur St. Clair; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the same with an amendment, which was read, and is as follows:

Strike out all of the said bill after the enacting clause, and insert:

"That the Seecretary of the Department of War, be, and he is hereby directed to place major general Arthur St. Clair on the pension list of invalid pensioners of the United States, at the rate of sixty dollars a month, to commence on the 4th day of March, 1817.

"Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the pension aforesaid, shall be paid at the Treasury of the United States, or in the same manner as invalid pensioners are paid, who have heretofore been placed on the list of pensioners, at the option of the said pensioner."

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to amend the said amendment by striking out the word *sixty*, and inserting the word *fifty*.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in negative, { Yeas.....73, Nays.....90.

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Boden,	Mr. Drake,
Allen, *Va.*	Bryan,	Edwards,
Austin,	Burwell,	Folger,
Ball,	Claiborne,	Forsyth,
Barbour, *Va.*	Cobb,	Gage,
Barber, *Ohio*,	Comstock,	Garnett,
Bateman,	Cook,	Hale,
Bennett,	Crafts,	Hall, *N. C.*
Bloomfield,	Crawford,	Hasbrouck,
Blount,	Desha,	Herkimer,

Mr. Herrick,	Mr. Merrill,	Mr. Bal. Smith,
Hogg,	Morton,	J. S. Smith,
Holmes, *Con.*	Mumford,	Southard,
Hubbard,	Murray,	Spangler,
Hunter,	Newton,	Speed,
Ingham,	Owen,	Strother,
Johnson, *Va.*	Palmer,	Tallmadge,
Jones,	Poindexter,	Taylor,
Kirtland,	Quarles,	Townsend,
Lawyer,	Rhea,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Livermore,	Rich,	Upham,
Lowndes,	Richards,	Walker, *Ken.*
W. Maclay,	Sampson,	Wendover,
W. P. Maclay,	Scudder,	Williams, *N. Y.* 73
M'Coy,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Little,	Mr. Sawyer
Allen, *Mass.*	M'Lane,	Schuyler,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Marchand,	Sergeant,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Mason, *Mass.*	Settle,
Baldwin,	Mercer,	Seybert,
Bayley,	Middleton,	Shaw,
Beecher,	Mills,	Sherwood,
Bellinger,	Moore,	Silsbee,
Boss,	Moseley,	S. Smith,
Butler,	Jer. Nelson,	Alex. Smyth,
Colston,	H. Nelson,	Spencer,
Cruger,	T. M. Nelson,	Storrs,
Culbreth,	Nesbitt,	Strong,
Cushman,	Ogden,	Stuart, *Md.*
Earle,	Ogle,	Tarr,
Ellicott,	Orr,	Terrell,
Ervin, *S. C.*	Parrott,	Terry,
Forney,	Patterson,	Trimble,
Fuller,	Pawling,	Tucker, *Va.*
Harrison,	Peter,	Tyler,
Hendricks,	Pindall,	Walker, *N. C.*
Herbert,	Pitkin,	Wallace,
Hiester,	Porter,	Westerlo,
Hitchcock,	Reed,	Whiteside,
Holmes, *Con.*	Rice,	Whitman,
Huntington,	Ringgold,	Williams, *Con.*
Irving, *N. Y.*	Robertson, *Ken.*	Williams, *N. C.*
Johnson, *Ken.*	Robertson, *Lou.*	Wilkin,
Kinsey,	Ruggles,	Wilson, *Mass.*
Lewis,	Savage,	Wilson, *Pen.* 90

A motion was then made by Mr. Harrison to strike out from the said amendment, all thereof after the word *That*, where it first occurs, and to insert: There shall be allowed to major general Arthur St. Clair an annuity of —— dollars, to be paid half yearly in

advance, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken to concur in the amendment of the committee of the whole;

And passed in the affirmative. { Yeas.....122, Nays.....40.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *Vt.*
Anderson, *Pen.*
Anderson, *Ken.*
Baldwin,
Ball,
Barbour, *Va.*
Bateman,
Bayley,
Beecher,
Bellinger,
Bennett,
Bloomfield,
Blount,
Boss,
Bryan,
Butler,
Campbell,
Colston,
Comstock,
Cruger,
Culbreth,
Cushman,
Drake,
Earle,
Ellicott,
Ervin, *S. C.*
Forney,
Fuller,
Gage,
Garnett,
Harrison,
Hendricks,
Herbert,
Herkimer,
Herrick,
Hiester,
Mr. Hitchcock,
Holmes, *Mass.*
Holmes, *Con.*
Hubbard,
Huntington,
Irving, *N. Y.*
Johnson, *Va.*
Johnson, *Ken.*
Jones,
Kinsey,
Lewis,
Little,
Livermore,
Lowndes,
M'Lane,
W. Maclay,
Marchand,
Mason, *Mass.*
Mercer,
Middleton,
Mills,
Moore,
Moseley,
Mumford,
Murray,
Jer. Nelson,
H. Nelson,
Nesbitt,
Newton,
Ogden,
Ogle,
Orr,
Owen,
Palmer,
Parrott,
Patterson,
Pawling,
Peter,
Mr. Pindall,
Pitkin,
Poindexter,
Porter,
Quarles,
Reed,
Rice,
Rich,
Ringgold,
Robertson, *Ken.*
Robertson, *Lou.*
Ruggles,
Savage,
Sergeant,
Settle,
Seybert,
Shaw,
Sherwood,
Silsbee,
S. Smith,
Bal. Smith,
Alex. Smyth,
Spencer,
Storrs,
Strong,
Strother,
Stuart, *Md.*
Tallmadge,
Tarr,
Terrell,
Terry,
Trimble,
Tucker, *Va.*
Tyler,
Upham,
Walker, *N. C.*
Walker, *Ken*
Wallace,

Mr. Wendover,	Mr. Williams, *Con.*	Mr. Wilson, *Mass.*	
Westerlo,	Williams, *N. Y.*	Wilson, *Pen.*	122
Whiteside,	Wilkin,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hale,	Mr. T. M. Nelson,	
Austin,	Hall, *Del.*	Rhea,	
Bassett,	Hall, *N. C.*	Richards,	
Boden,	Hasbrouck,	Sampson,	
Burwell,	Hogg,	Sawyer,	
Claiborne,	Hunter,	Scudder,	
Cobb,	Ingham,	Southard,	
Cook,	Lawyer,	Spangler,	
Crafts,	Linn,	Speed,	
Crawford,	W. P. Maclay,	Taylor,	
Desha,	M'Coy,	Townsend,	
Edwards,	Merrill,	Tucker, *S. C.*	
Folger	Morton,	Williams, *N. C.*	40
Forsyth,			

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time, to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House, to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the establishment of additional land offices in the territory of Missouri." They *insist* on their first amendment to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1818;" and agree to the amendments proposed by this House, to their 3d amendment to the said bill; and they have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

An act in addition to an act, entitled "An act for the relief of John Thompson;"

"An act in addition to an act, giving pensions to the widows and orphans of persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the United States;"

"An act, providing for the sale of certain lands in the district of Marietta, and for the location of claims, and sale of certain lands, in the district of Vincennes;" in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the reports of the several boards of commissioners, for the settlement and adjustment of Land Claims, in the state of Louisiana, and territory of Missouri, which was referrred to the committeee on the Public Lands.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 6, 1818.

Mr. Mills presented a petition of Samuel White, praying compensation for services as a soldier, in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Mills also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Hampden, in the state of Massachusetts, a part of whom were enlisted soldiers, in the late war, complaining of the inequality in the bounties of land and money, granted to the soldiers enlisted at different periods, and praying that those who enlisted previous to the 10th December, 1814, may be allowed 120 dollars bounty, and 320 acres of land.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of the proprietors of the Norfolk and Bristol turnpike, praying that the said turnpike may be continued as a post route.

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Terry, respectively presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York, praying that additional duties may be imposed on imported paper hangings.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Savage presented a petition of Alexander M'Nish, praying for a grant of land in consideration of services rendered as a soldier, in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Mercer presented a petition of James Garey, praying for a donation in land, on account of personal sacrifices and services, in the late war.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of Joseph Harris, praying for the right of pre-emption in the purchase of a tract of public land on which he has settled and made considerable improvements.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Porter presented a petition of Ann Wattles, stating that her son Simon D. Wattles, a captain in the army of the United States, and who was killed in battle during the late war, was the only source of support for herself and his two sisters, who are blind, and that in consequence of his death they are now reduced to extreme poverty, and praying such relief in the premises, as Congress may think proper to grant.

Mr. Colston presented a petition of Phebe Moore, administratrix of Stephen Moore, deceased, praying compensation for a vessel which was captured by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, that the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of John Fowler, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Juliana Thackara, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Paul Robinson, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, is as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be *rejected.*

A motion was made by Mr. Rich to amend the said resolution by striking out the word *rejected*, and inserting the word *granted*, which was disagreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said report lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the petition of major John Whistler, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Herrick, from the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of John Kennedy and Henry Nail, or their legal representatives, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Abraham Montague, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. Taylor from the committee of Elections, to which was referred the resolution of the 10th December, 1817, and a message from the President of the United States, of the 29th of the same month, made a further report, in part, embracing the case of George Mumford, of North Carolina, which was read, and together with the statement of Mr. Mumford, committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the same committee upon the petition of C. Hammond, contesting the election of Samuel Herrick.

Mr. Spencer, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill for the relief of Elbert Herring, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Herbert from the committee for the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Columbian Insurance Company of Alexandria," reported the agreement of that committee to the said amendments.

The said amendments were then read at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Southard, from the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act directing the manner of appointing Indian agents, and continuing the act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill of this House for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, and for the organization and encouragement of schools for their instruction.

A motion was made by Mr. Poindexter, to discharge the committee on the Public Lands, from the further consideration of the resolution submittted by him on the 29th December last, respecting an exchange of lands with certain Indian tribes;

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, stating that the report to this House from the War Department, dated on the 20th February last, contains all the information to be found in that department, in relation to the "claims of the state of Massachusetts for expenses of calling out the militia of that state during the late war, and the reasons why they have not been allowed;" which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill confirming certain lands in the territory of Missouri, to the legal representatives of Elisha Winter, and the legal representatives of William Winter, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill be recommitted to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Barbour, of Virginia,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President to distribute an additional sum amongst the assessors of the United States, for extra services.

On motion of Mr. Hopkinson,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the payment of the expenditures made in laying down and taking up buoys in the river Delaware, in the Lazaretto channel, about twelve miles below the city of Philadelphia; and also, for defraying in future, the

expense of taking up and laying down the said buoys, when required.

On motion of Mr. Forsyth,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested (if in his opinion not inconsistent with the public interest) to lay before this House, the correspondence with the government of Spain, to which the letter of George W. Erving, the American minister near that court, of the 25th of October, 1816, communicated with his message of the 29th January, 1818, refers; and any subsequent correspondence between the two governments on the same subject.

Mr. Forsyth and Mr. Mosely, were appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the committee of Ways and Means on the petition of Mary Graeff, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said report and petition be recommittted to the committee of Ways and Means.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of John Thompson,'" was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act providing for the sale of certain lands in the district of Marietta, and for the location of claims and sale of certain lands in the district of Vincennes," was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee on the Public Lands.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act, in addition to 'An act giving pensions to the widows and orphans of persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the United States,'" was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

The House took up the message from the Senate, insisting on their first amendment to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1818:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House *insist* on their disagreement to the said amendment, and ask a conference with the Senate upon the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the said amendment; and,

Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, and Mr. Pitkin, were appointed managers at the said conference on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of major general Arthur St. Clair," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

A message in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to the House of Representatives, a report of the Secretary of State, in compliance with the resolution of the said House, requesting information respecting the ratification of the thirteenth article of the amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, February 6, 1818.

The said message was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the resolutions submitted by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, and Mr. Walker, of North Carolina, on the 9th of December last, and on the bill concerning half pay pensions, invalid pensioners, and for other purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Terry reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, have leave to sit again on the said resolutions and bill.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War, be requested to communicate to this House, a statement of the balances now due, respectively, from such persons now, or heretofore acting in the quartermaster and paymaster's departments, whose accounts have not been settled for the period of more than one year previous to the 27th day of December last.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 9, 1818.

Another member, to wit: from the state of South Carolina, Eldred Simkins appeared, produced his credentials and took his seat; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Massachusetts, praying that additional duties may be imposed on bar, pig, and cast iron, imported into the United States.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of the Philadelphia Society for the promotion of American Manufactures, praying that further measures may be adopted for the security, protection, and encouragement of the manufacturing interest of the United States.

Mr. Sergeant also presented a petition of sundry cork cutters, in the city of Philadelphia, praying that additional duties may be imposed on foreign manufactured cork, imported into the United States.

Mr. Sergeant also presented a petition of the journeymen tailors in the city of Philadelphia, praying that additional duties may be imposed on ready made clothes imported into the United States.

Mr. Seybert presented a petition of the society of paper manufacturers of the states of Pennsylvania and Delaware, praying that a specific duty of 15 cents per pound weight may be imposed on all paper and blank books, imported into the United States.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of James Keller, stocking weaver, a native of Switzerland, in Europe, and at present residing in the city of Washington, praying that additional duties may be imposed on imported stockings.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry merchants and underwriters, of Boston, Salem, and Newburyport, in Massachusetts, and of Portsmouth, in New Hampshire, praying to the same effect with the petition of sundry merchants and underwriters, in the city of Philadelphia, presented on the 7th ultimo.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee to whom was referred the petition of the said merchants and underwriters of Philadelphia.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Ebenezer Knox, late an officer in the army of the United States, stating, that he was struck from the roll of officers, whithout any known or just cause; that he applied for a trial by a court martial, agreeably to law, which has not been ordered; and praying that he may be allowed his pay and emoluments up to the present time.

Mr. Comstock presented a petition of James Van Horn, praying compensation for a mill and other property, destroyed by the enemy, during the late war with Great Britain, in consequence of his having frequently furnished the army with flour from said mill.

Mr. Marr presented a petition of John M'Gehe, praying compensation for property of which he was robbed by a party of hostile Indians during the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Antoine Bondie, also praying compensation for property destroyed by the Indians, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Vermont,

Ordered, That the petition of Sylvester Phelps, and Charles Landon, presented on the 21st December, 1815; and,

On motion of Mr. Claiborne,

Ordered, That the petition of colonel Robert Hays, presented on the 4th of January, 1816, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Morton presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Foxborough, in Massachusetts; and,

Mr. Ogle presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania, respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Mr. Barbour presented a petition of Joseph Timberlake, postmaster in Fredericksburgh, in the state of Virginia, praying for additional compensation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of Eliza Webb, widow of Orange Webb, deceased, praying for a renewal of a patent granted to her late husband, for an improvement in suspenders.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Tyler presented a petition of Charles Russell and others, heirs of Charles Russell, deceased, a captain in the revolutionary army, praying for a grant of the land, as also of pay and emoluments, and commutation of half pay, to which their ancestor was entitled for his services in the capacity aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented sundry documents in relation to applications of captain Henry Gist, and captain Benjamin Johnson, for credits at the War Department, which they are unable to obtain, in consequence of the loss of their vouchers; which were referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Ordered, That the petitions of Samuel Brooke Bealle, presented on the 22d of March, 1796, and 7th March, 1802, be referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill to authorize the payment of certain certificates.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of William M'Farland, Jeremiah Botts, and Jeptha Brown; and that they be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions, and Revolutionary Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Mary Sullivan and Thomas Mills, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea also made reports on the petitions of Elijah M'Clain and John Simpson, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioners respectively, have leave to withdraw their petitions and documents.

Mr. Newton, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, reported a bill to continue in force, from and after the 30th June, 1819, until the 30th June, 1826, the fourth paragraph of the firsth section of the act, entitled "An act to regulate the duties on

imports and tonnage," which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on the 17th instant.

Mr. Newton also reported a bill to increase the duties on iron in bars and bolts, iron in pigs, castings, nails, and allum; and to disallow the drawback of duties on the re-exportation of gunpowder, which was read the first and second time, and also committed to a committee of the whole, on the 17th inst.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of John G. Bogert, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of John G. Bogert ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Jesse Lincoln, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made an amendatory report (unfavorable) on the petition of Zachariah M'Girt, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of major general Jacob Brown, which was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of the said major general Jacob Brown, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of major Loring Austin.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

An act making provision for the establishment of additional land offices in the territory of Missouri.

An act to incorporate the Columbian Insurance Company of Alexandria; and,

An act making appropriations for the payment of the arrearages which have been incurred for the support of the military establishment, previous to the 1st January, 1817; and had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Forsyth, from the committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred so much of the President's message as relates to the commercial intercourse of the United States, with the British West India islands, and North American colonies, and the petitions of sundry inhabitants of different parts of the District of Maine, upon the subject of the said intercourse, made a report, which was read; when,

Mr. Forsyth reported a bill, supplementary to the act regulating duties on imports and tonnage, passed the 27th April, 1816, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Thursday next.

Mr. Claiborne, from the committee to whom were referred the remonstrance of general Andrew Jackson, and the petitions of Thomas Carr and George W. Sevier, and others, made a report, which was read; when,

Mr. Claiborne, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the relief of Thomas Carr and others, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the third Auditor of the Treasury, in relation to the accounts of general Arthur St. Clair, in obedience to a resolution of the House, of the 3d instant; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, the annual report of the commissioners of the sinking fund, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from Richard Bland Lee, commissioner of claims, transmitting "a report of the facts" in the case of John Chalmers, of the city of Washington, with the evidence accompanying it, which was referred to the committee of Claims.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 10, 1818.

Mr. Butler presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Rockingham, in the state of New Hampshire, praying for an alteration in a post route.

Mr. Moore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the states of Ohio and Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of Henry Cahoone, George Hawschurst, and William Isaacs, officers of the revenue cutter *Active*, on the New York station, praying for an increase of compensation.

Mr. Hogg presented a petition of Benjamin Dubrocar, praying that certain bonds entered into by him, to secure the duties on merchandise imported into the Mississippi territory, from the former Spanish province of West Florida, may be cancelled; for reasons set forth in the petition.

Mr. Robertson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of William M'Bride, praying to be relieved from the payment of a judgment, obtained against him on behalf of the United States, which he alleged to have been unjustly rendered.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Darlington presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying that additional duties may be imposed on bar, pig, and cast iron, imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill imposing additional duties on iron.

Mr. Whiteside presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Lebanon county, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying for the remission of the fines imposed on them respectively, for failing to perform a tour of militia duty, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hogg presented a petition of Louis Doliver, a petition of George Brewer, and a petition of John Forbes & Co. respectively praying, that their titles to lands in the Alabama territory, may be confirmed.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of John Eli Thologan, praying that his title to a tract of land, in the Missouri territory, may be confirmed.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of John Brickwood Taylor, for, and on behalf of the heirs and representatives of James Dallas and John Noble Taylor, praying that the title of the said heirs and representatives to a tract of land, in the state of Mississippi, may be confirmed.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Daniel Hildebrand, a petition of Samuel Thompson, and Burwell J. Thompson, and a petition of Charles Bequett, respectively praying, that their title to lands in the territory of Missouri may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hogg,

Ordered, That the petitions of the undermentioned persons, heretofore presented, be also referred to the commmittee on Private Land Claims, viz:

Those of John Baker, presented on the 11th March, 1806, and 10th February, 1807.

Samuel Mims, presented on the 15th January, 1810.

John Denly, presented on the 6th January, 1812.

James Innerarity and Isabel Narbonne Campbell, presented on the 30th June, 1813, and 13th December, 1815.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of John Jacobs, and a petition of Cornelia Mason, widow of Alexander Mason, deceased, who was killed in the military service of the United States, respectively praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Missouri, praying that the said territory may be erected into a state government, and admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Ordered, That the said petition lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Samuel Allen, and John Dougherty, which was read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, ought *not* to be granted; and that John Dougherty have leave to withdraw his petition.

Ordered, That Samuel Allen have leave to withdraw his petition.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Daniel Moss, and that the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the cases of William B. Stokes and Mary Sears, transmitted to this House by the commissioner of Claims, which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the petition of captain Derick Van Vighten, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of Nathaniel Goddard and others, formerly owners of the ship Ariadne and her cargo, which was read; when,

Mr. Lowndes reported a bill for the relief of the owners of the ship Ariadne, and of her cargo; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes also reported a bill for the relief of John Dillon, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes also reported a bill for the relief of Jonas Harrison, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of such measures as are, in his opinion, necessary for the more effectual execution of the laws for the collection of the duties on imported goods, be discharged from the further consideration of so much thereof as relates to the establishment of new collection districts, and the regulations therein proposed, in respect to pilots; and that the same be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means be also discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Robert and Thomas Hutchinson, and Thomas Shield, and that the former be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, and the latter to the committee on Naval Affairs.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, which he

handed in at the Speaker's table, where the same was read as follows, viz:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

As the house appropriated for the President of the United States, will be finished this year, it is thought to merit the attention of Congress, in what manner it should be furnished, and what measures ought to be adopted for the safe keeping of the furniture in future. All the public furniture provided before 1814, having been destroyed with the public buildings in that year, and little afterwards procured, owing to the inadequacy of the appropriation, it has become necessary to provide almost every article requisite for such an establishment; whence the sum to be expended will be much greater than at any former period. The furniture, in its kind and extent, is thought to be an object, not less deserving attention, than the building for which it is intended. Both being national objects, each seems to have an equal claim to legislative sanction. The disbursement of the public money too, ought, it is presumed, to be in like manner provided for by law. The person who may happen to be placed, by the suffrage of his fellow citizens, in the high trust, having no personal interest in these concerns, should be exempted from undue responsibility respecting them.

For a building so extensive, intended for a purpose exclusively national, in which, in the furniture provided for it, a mingled regard is due to the simplicity and purity of our institutions, and to the character of the people who are represented in it, the sum already appropriated has proved altogether inadequate. The present, is therefore, a proper time for Congress to take the subject into consideration, with a view to all the objects claiming attention, and to regulate it by law. On a knowledge of the furniture procured, and the sum expended for it, a just estimate may be formed, regarding the extent of the building, of what will still be wanting to furnish the house. Many of the articles being of a durable nature, may be handed down through a long series of service, and being of great value, such as plate, ought not to be left altogether, and at all times, to the care of servants alone. It seems to be adviseable that a public agent should be charged with it, during the occasional absences of the President, and have authority to transfer it from one President to another; and likewise to make reports of occasional deficiencies, as the basis on which further provision should be made.

It may also merit consideration, whether it may not be proper to commit the care of the public buildings, particularly the President's house and the Capitol, with the grounds belonging to them, including, likewise, the furniture of the latter, in a more special manner, to a public agent. Hitherto the charge of this valuable property seems to have been connected with the structure of the buildings, and committed to those employed in it. This guard, will necessarily cease when the buildings are finished, at which time the

interest in them will be proportionably augmented. It is presumed that this trust is, in a certain degree, at least, incidental to the other duties of the superintendent of the public buildings; but it may merit consideration, whether it will not be proper to charge him with it more expicitly, and to give him authority to employ one, or more persons under him, for these purposes.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, February 10, 1818.

The said message was read, and referred to the committee on so much of the President's message as relates the public buildings, and the erection of additional edifices for the accommodation of the several executive departments, and the attorney general.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill, supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana, and territory of Missouri; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Friday next.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, made a report on the petition of a company of rangers, commanded by captain James Biggar, in the years 1813 and 1814, which was read; when,

Mr. Johnson reported a bill for the relief of a company of rangers, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson also reported a bill for the relief of captain Benjamin Johnson and captain Henry Gist, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole last appointed.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Charles Morgan and Polly Potter, and that they lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law, a post road from the town of Augusta, in the county of Oncida, and state of New York, to the village of Hamilton, in the county of Madison, and state aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing on the pension list, John Taylor, a soldier in the revolutionary army.

On motion of Mr. Alexander Smyth,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to Daniel Hyden, a soldier of the revolution, who received several wounds, and is now indigent, and unable to support himself.

On motion of Mr. Alexander Smyth,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing the postmaster of Wythe court house to employ a clerk.

On motion of Mr. Hopkinson,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salaries of the judges of the supreme court of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Wheeling, in Virginia, to Washinton, in Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Beecher,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Columbus, Ohio, by Urbana, Champaign county, Troy, Miami county, to the seat of justice, in Dark county; and also be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Granville, Licking county, Ohio, by Johnstown, Sunsbury, Berkshire, to Worthington, Franklin county.

On motion of Mr. Pitkin,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law, for extending the term of credit, for duties on articles imported from the West Indies.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the commissioner of the Public Buildings in the city of Washington, enclosing a copy of one of the original deeds of conveyance to the trustees of the United States, for the grounds in the said city, and copies of the correspondence, relating to the location of the public offices on the President's square; which was referred to the committe on so much of the President's message as relates to the Public Buildings, and the erection of additional edifices for the accommodation of the Executive Departments and of the Attorney General.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a report of the Secretary of State on the petition of Caze & Richaud, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate agree to the conference asked by this House, on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on the first amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1818," and have appointed managers on their part; and they have passed a resolution "relative to the distribution of the late edition of land laws," in which they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee on the Public Lands.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the resolutions submitted on the 7th December last, by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, and Mr. Walker, of North Carolina, and Mr. Comstock, and on the bill concerning half pay pensions, invalid pensioners, and for other purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Alexander Smyth reported the said bill with amendments, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the residue of the order.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the residue of the said order.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 11, 1815.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry merchants and master tailors, in Boston, praying that the importation of ready made clothes may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Orr presented a petition of Ebenezer Smith, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committe on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Ruggles presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Foxborough, in the state of Massachusetts, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Porter presented a petition of Samuel Yates, praying to be relieved from the payment of a judgment obtained against him for duties imposed on his distillery, as he alleges that by reason of sickness of himself and family, and other misfortunes, he is wholly unable to satisfy the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of John Daley, stating, that at the commencement of the late war with Great Britain he was an inhabitant of the British province of Canada, and by his attachment to the interest of the United States, he lost a considerable part of his property by confiscation, and that the residue thereof was consumed by fire, by order of the American general, in the destruction of the village of Newark, and praying such relief in the premises, as to Congress shall seem meet and proper.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the select committee, appointed on the 8th December last, on a similar petition of Samuel Thompson.

Mr. Peter presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the south east part of the city of Washington, praying that an act may be passed, authorizing the erection of a toll bridge across the eastern branch of Potomac river, from Smallwood's wharf.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Jones, presented on the 18th January, 1815, be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of William Barton, praying that he may be permitted to change the entry of a tract of land, purchased of the United States, having, as he alledges, by mistake, entered a tract, different from that which he intended to enter, and on which he is settled and made improvements.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of John Calleway, a petition of William T. Lamme, a petition of Francis Kenner, and a petition of William Christy, respectively praying that their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of James Taylor, and Benjamin S. Judah, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted, and that James Taylor have leave to *withdraw* his petition and its accompanying documents.

Mr. Rhea also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Hugh Mulloy, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of Matthew Cadwell.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Hannah Weed, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also reported the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Brigs," with an amendment, which was read, and, together with the bill, committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of George Shaver and Ann Wattles, and that they be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of John Wilmot, which was read; when,

Mr. Smith reported a bill for the relief of the said John Wilmot, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Herrick, from the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the final adjudication of the claims to land, in the Missouri territory, of the legal representatives of Elisha and William Winter, Gabriel Winter, and the legal representatives of Jaeque Clammorgan; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Silsbee, from the committee on Naval affairs, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to an act giving pensions to the widows and orphans of persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the United States," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole on Monday, the 23d instant.

Mr. Forsyth, from the committee appointed on the 6th instant, to present to the President of the United States a resolution, that day adopted by the House, reported, that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered, that he would attend to the request contained in the resolution.

On motion of Mr. Mills,

Resolved, That the committeee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of exempting from duty, the articles of Sicilian sumac and merino wool, imported into the United States.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, trasmitting a report, prepared in obedience to a resolution passed at the last session, concerning contracts for the supply of fire arms, the expenditures at each of the national armories, and the number, species, and quality of arms manufactured and repaired, at said armouries; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the engrossed bill, for the remission of duties upon stereotype plates, and upon bibles and testaments in foreign languages, imported by societies or associations, for the gratuitous distribution of the Holy Scriptures, be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

The House took up the amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the bill concerning half pay pensions, invalid pensioners, and for other purposes; and the said amendments being read, were concurred in by the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Colston, further to amend the said bill by striking out the following section, viz:

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That in all cases where any soldier of the regular army shall have died, while in the service of the United States, in the late war, or in returning home from said service, leaving a widow, such widow shall be entitled to receive the sum of forty-eight dollars, annually, for the term of five

years, as a half pay pension; and in case of the death, or intermarriage of said widow, before the expiration of the term of five years from the death of the husband aforesaid, the half pay for the remainder of the time shall cease.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in negative, { Yeas.....48, Nays.....99.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hasbrouck,	Mr. Scudder,
Adams,	Hendricks,	Slocumb,
Ball,	Hogg,	Bal. Smith,
Barbour, *Va.*	Holmes, *Con.*	J. S. Smith,
Bateman,	Hopkinson,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Blount,	Huntington,	Storrs,
Boss,	W. Maclay,	Tarr,
Burwell,	M'Coy,	Terrell,
Campbell,	Marchand,	Terry,
Cobb,	Marr,	Townsend,
Colston,	Moore,	Trimble,
Desha,	Orr,	Tucker, *Va.*
Edwards,	Owen,	Tyler,
Forsyth,	Pitkin,	Westerlo,
Garnett,	Quarles,	Williams, *Con.*
Hall, *N. C.*	Rhea,	Williams, *N. C.* 48

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Allen, *Vt.*	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. W. P. Maclay,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Folger,	Mason, *Mass.*
Anderson, *Ken.*	Forney,	Mercer,
Barber, *Ohio,*	Fuller,	Merrill,
Bayley,	Gage,	Middleton,
Beecher,	Hall, *Del.*	Morton,
Bellinger,	Harrison,	Moseley,
Bennett,	Herbert,	Mumford,
Bloomfield,	Herkimer,	Murray,
Bryan,	Hitchcock,	Jer. Nelson,
Butler,	Holmes, *Mass.*	T. M. Nelson,
Clagett,	Hubbard,	New,
Claiborne,	Hunter,	Newton,
Comstock,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Ogden,
Crafts,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Ogle,
Cruger,	Kinsey,	Palmer,
Culbreth,	Kirtland,	Parrott,
Cushman,	Lawyer,	Patterson,
Darlington,	Linn,	Peter,
Earle,	Little,	Pindall,
Ellicott,	Lowndes,	Poindexter,
Ervin, *S. C.*	M'Lane,	Porter,

Mr. Reed,	Mr. Seybert,	Mr. Tucker, *S. C.*
Rich,	Sherwood,	Upham,
Richards,	Silsbee,	Walker, *N. C.*
Ringgold,	Simkins,	Walker, *Ken.*
Robertson, *Lou.*	Southard,	Wallace,
Ruggles,	Spencer,	Wendover,
Sampson,	Strong,	Whiteside,
Savage,	Stuart, *Md.*	Whitman,
Sawyer,	Tallmadge,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Sergeant,	Taylor,	Wilkin,
Settle,	Tompkins,	Wilson, *Pen.* 99

A motion was then made by Mr. Harrison, to amend the said 3d section, by inserting after the words *five years*, where they first occur, these words: *to commence on the 1st day of March*, 1817; and to strike out the words, *from the death of the husband aforesaid;*

And on the question so to amend;

It was determined in the negative;

And being further amended;

The question was then taken, shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And was determined in the negative. { Yeas.....65, Nays.....79.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Anderson, *Ken.*	Mr. Hitchcock,	Mr. Quarles,
Barber, *Ohio*,	Holmes, *Mass.*	Reed,
Beecher,	Hunter,	Ringgold,
Bellinger,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Robertson, *Lou.*
Bloomfield,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Silsbee,
Bryan,	Kinsey,	Simkins,
Butler,	Lawyer,	Bal. Smith,
Campbell,	Little,	Southard,
Colston,	Marr,	Spencer,
Comstock,	Mason, *Mass.*	Stuart, *Md.*
Cruger,	Mercer,	Tallmadge,
Culbreth,	Merrill,	Trimble,
Earle,	Moseley,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Ellicott,	Murray,	Walker, *N. C.*
Ervin, *S. C.*	T. M. Nelson,	Walker, *Ken.*
Floyd,	New,	Wallace,
Forney,	Ogle,	Wendover,
Fuller,	Palmer,	Whiteside,
Gage,	Parrott,	Whitman,
Harrison,	Patterson,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Hendricks,	Pindall,	Wilkin. 65
Herkimer,	Porter,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hogg,	Mr. Ruggles,
Adams,	Holmes, *Con.*	Savage,
Allen, *Mass.*	Hopkinson,	Scudder,
Allen, *Vt.*	Huntington,	Sergeant,
Ball,	Kirtland,	Settle,
Barbour, *Va.*	Linn,	Seybert,
Bateman,	Livermore,	Shaw,
Bayley,	Lowndes,	Sherwood,
Bennett,	M'Lane,	Slocumb,
Blount,	W. Maclay,	J. S. Smith,
Boss,	W. P. Maclay,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Burwell,	M'Coy,	Storrs,
Claiborne,	Marchand,	Strong,
Cobb,	Moore,	Tarr,
Crafts,	Morton,	Taylor,
Cushman,	Mumford,	Terrell,
Darlington,	Jer. Nelson,	Terry,
Desha,	Ogden,	Tompkins,
Drake,	Orr,	Townsend,
Edwards,	Owen,	Tucker, *Va.*
Folger	Pitkin,	Tyler,
Forsyth,	Poindexter,	Upham,
Garnett,	Rhea,	Westerlo,
Hale,	Rich,	Williams, *Con.*
Hall, *Del.*	Richards,	Williams, *N. C.*
Hall, *N. C.*	Robertson, *Ken.*	Wilson, *Pen.* 79
Hasbrouck,		

Mr. Storrs, from the majority, then moved to re-consider the vote;

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative;

And so the said bill was rejected.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 12, 1818.

Ordered, That Mr. Ingham have leave of absence from the service of this House, for three weeks from to-day.

Mr. Hale presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Rindge, in the state of New Hampshire, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of Joseph Richardson, praying for arrearages of pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Martin Dubs, praying compensation for a quantity of provisions furnished by him to the army of the United States, in the fourth military district, in the year 1814.

The Speaker presented a petition of William Esenbeck, messenger in the Treasury Department, praying compensation for his private property destroyed at the conflagration of the Treasury building, on the 24th August, 1814.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Fuller,

Ordered, That the petition of Adam Kinsley and Thomas French, presented on the 12th December, 1616, and the petition of Charles S. Leonard, presented on the 11th January, 1817, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Thomas Lewis, surviving partner of the commercial house of Thomas Lewis & Son, of Boston, praying to the same effect with the petition of sundry merchants and underwriters of Philadelphia, presented on the 7th ultimo.

Mr. Hunter presented a petition of Eliakim Spooner, praying for the remission of certain duties imposed on his distillery, in consequence of his utter inability to discharge the same.

Mr. Ogle presented a petition of Benjamin Wells and John Webster, collectors of internal duties, in the state of Pennsylvania, in the year 1791, praying to be allowed their proportion of the fines and penalties incurred by certain persons in their districts, for violations of the acts imposing the said duties.

Mr. Ogle also presented another petition of Benjamin Wells, a collector of internal duties in the year 1795, praying to be allowed, in the settlement of his accounts, the sum of 595 dollars, transmitted by mail to the supervisor of the state of Pennsylvania, under orders from said supervisor, and which never came to hand, as also some compensation for his attendance as a witness, on behalf of the United States, at several courts held in the city of Philadelphia, and for a reimbursement of costs and expenses which he incurred in defending a suit, brought by the United States against him for moneys, which, in the issue of the case, it appeared, he did not owe; that he may be also allowed for moneys paid to the inspector and not credited to him, as well as for various extra expenses incurred in the discharge of his duty, and under orders from his superior officers; and finally, that he may be allowed interest on whatever sum may be found due to him.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Wilkin presented a petition of Sarah H. Smith, widow of Francis N. Smith, deceased, who died in prison in Quebec, while an enlisted soldier in the army of the United States, praying for

such compensation and emoluments, as have been granted to widows and orphans of soldiers, who have died in the service of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of suspenders, in the city of Philadelphia, praying that additional duties may be imposed on suspenders, imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Floyd,

Ordered, That the petition of Francis Preston, presented on the 12th December, 1808, be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Garrique Flaujac, praying that his title to a tract of land in the state of Louisiana, may be confirmed.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of James Morrison, and a petition of Augustus Chouteau, respectively praying that their titles to lands, in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Ordered, That Thomas Marsh and Asa Buckley have leave to withdraw their petitions.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of William Dent Beall, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee of Electons, made the following report, viz:

"The committee of Elections have examined the certificates of election, and other credentials of the following members, and find them sufficient to entitle them to seats in this House, to wit:

From the state of Massachusetts,

Elijah H. Mills,
Thomas Rice,
John Wilson.

From the state of North Carolina,

James Stewart.

From the state of South Carolina,

Eldred Simkins."

Mr. Lowndes, from the managers appointed on the part of this House to attend a conference with the managers on the part of the Senate, upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on an amend-

ment depending to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1818," made a report which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, on the 6th instant, approve and sign an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to allow the benefit of drawback on merchandise transported by land conveyance from Bristol to Boston, and from Boston to Bristol, in like manner as if the same were transported coastwise." And the Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Martin Warner;" in which they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting a partial list, rendered to him by the Register of the Treasury, of balances which appear to have been due more than three years prior to the 30th September last, or to have remained unsettled on that day; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the Director of the Mint, giving the result of sundry assay of foreign coins, made in pursuance of instructions from the Treasury Department, and in obedience to the act of the 29th April, 1816, regulating the currency of certain foreign coins; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the message from the President, in relation to the case of Richard W. Meade, confined in prison in the city of Cadiz, in Spain, and the resolution submitted by Mr. Trimble on the 3d instant in relation to the same subject, be referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Trimble, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Butler, Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Simkins, were appointed the said committee.

Ordered, That the select committee, appointed on the claim of the heir of the late Caron de Beumarchais have power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Harrison gave notice that on to-morrow, he would move the House for leave to introduce a bill to extend for a further term of five years the pensions heretofore granted to the widows and orphans of the officers and soldiers who died, or were killed in the late war.

Mr. Sergeant submitted the following joint resolution, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secre-

tary of state cause to be distributed one set of State papers and public documents, printed by T. B. Wait & Sons, in pursuance of acts of Congress heretofore passed, to the chief justice, and to each of the judges of the supreme court of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making some provision for the widows of such soldiers of the militia as died after they reached home, in consequence of disease contracted whilst in service.

On motion of Mr. Burwell,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House, a statement of the moneys paid for defraying the expenses of the commissioners, under the 4th, 6th, and 7th articles of the treaty of Ghent, specifying the items of expenditure, and the claims at this time presented for payment.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to lay before this House, any information he may possess, relative to the destruction by the enemy, of the foundery of Samuel Hughes, heretofore employed to cast cannon for the Navy Department, and particularly what number of cannon and weight of shot were at said foundery when the same was destroyed; and whether any, and what measures were adopted by the Navy Department, for the protection of the cannon and foundery; and to state what time the cannon and shot were permitted to remain, after they had been proved and received by the Department.

On motion of Mr. M'Lane,

Resolved, That the President of the United States, be requested to communicate to this House, a letter from Arthur Lee, to the commitee of Foreign Relations, dated at Paris, October 6, 1777; and also a letter from Benjamin Franklin, Silas Deane, and Arthur Lee, to the committee of Foreign Relations, dated the 7th September, 1777, if such letters are now to be found, and if not, that he communicate to this House, whether such letters ever were received, the contents thereof, and in what manner they have been lost; and,

Mr. M'Lane and Mr. Austin, were appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Earle,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Andersonville, by the Beaver Dam, to Houstonville, near the Oconnee Mountain, in Pendleton district, South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Cushman,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making further provision by law, to enable any soldiers, enitled to bounty lands, who has receiv-

ed an honorable discharge, or a military land warrant, and is unable to produce the same, to obtain a patent.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the resolutions submitted by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Walker, of North Carolina, and Mr. Comstock; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the agreement of the committee of the whole, to the 6th and 9th resolutions submitted by Mr. Johnson, with amendments to the latter, and their disagreement to the residue of the resolutions committed to them, except the fourth of those submitted by Mr. Johnson, on which he was directed to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said 4th resolution.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee of the whole; when,

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, moved to add to the 6th resolution, the following, viz:

"And that the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to report a bill, providing for the education at the military school of the United States, of the sons of all officers, noncommissioned officers and privates, who have fallen, fighting the battles of their country."

And on the question to agree to this amendment;

It was determined in the negative.

The said 6th resolution was then again read and agreed to by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide by law for the repeal of so much of the act of Congress of the 6th of July, 1812, as authorizes additional pay and emoluments to brevet rank, in the armies of the United States.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the 9th resolution, were read and concurred in by the House, and the said 9th resolution was then agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the committee on the subject of Military Affairs, be instructed to report a bill, pursuant to the 6th resolution.

The question was then taken to concur with the committee of the whole, in their disagreement to the residue of the resolutions committed to them;

And passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, then moved the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of educating, at the military school of the United States, the sons of all officers, noncommissioned officers and privates, who have fallen, fighting the battles of their country.

And debate arising thereon,
The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 13, 1818.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Thomas B. Wait & Sons, stating that they are preparing for the press a third edition of their state papers, and praying that Congress would authorize a subscription for an additional number of said work, and for its continuation; also, that they may be permitted to publish from the files of this House, and from the records of the Secretary of State, such confidential documents as may now be printed without detriment to the public interest.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Joint Library committee.

Mr. Morton presented a petition of Lemuel Tripp, praying to be allowed the bounty granted by law, to vessels employed in the cod fisheries, which he is unable to obtain in consequence of the capture of his vessel by a British cruizer.

Ordered, That the said petitition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Mason, of Rhode Island, presented a petition of Stephen Olney, an officer in the revolutionary army, who resigned his commission after the capture of the British army at Yorktown, in Virginia, praying to be allowed the pay, bounty, and commutation of half pay for life, which have been allowed to officers, who served until the end of the war.

Mr. Floyd presented a petition of George Greenway, praying to be allowed the pay and bounty, to which he conceives himself entitled for services, as an officer in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of Thomas Baird and others, heirs of A. Baird, deceased, praying to be allowed and paid the commutation of half pay, to which the deceased was entitled for services, as an officer in the medical department of the revolutionary army.

Mr. Austin presented a petition of Willis Wilson, praying that he may be paid the amount of a certificate, granted him for the commutation of his half pay as an officer of the revolutionary army, which certificate, he alleges, that he was unjustly compelled by the state of Virginia, to return to the United States' loan office, in that state, as the only condition on which he could be placed on its pension list.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of the New York Emigrant Society, praying that a tract of ten townships of public land, in the territory of Illinois, may be vested in trustees, and set apart for,

and sold to, Irish emigrants, on a credit, beyond what is now given by law.

Mr. Baldwin presented a similar petition from sundry Irishmen, the descendants of Irishmen and other inhabitants of Pittsburgh and its vicinity, in the state of Pennsylvania; and,

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a similar petition of the Hibernian Society of Baltimore.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referrrd to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Palmer presented a petition of Frederick Halsey, stating, that during the time the British army was in the town of Plattsburg, in the state of New York, they occupied his houses as deposits for stores, and as quarters for officers, for which they made him compensation, which compensation he delivered over to general Macomb upon the retreat of the British forces, and praying that the amount thereof my be returned to him.

Mr. Tyler presented a petition of Reuben Binns, praying to be allowed and paid the bounty to which he is entitled by virtue of his enlistment, as a soldier in the army of the United States, and which is withheld in consequence of the erroneous accounts of the paymaster of the regiment, to which he belonged.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of William Fisher, John B. Bouyage, Diego M'Boy *alias* M'Voy, and of Mary Ann Bouyage, praying compensation for cattle and other property, taken from them during the late war, for the use of the army.

Mr. Poindexter also presented a petition of Edwin Lewis, praying compensation for a quantity of timber, taken for the public use by a detachment of soldiers, belonging to the army of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

Ordered, That the petition of Septa Fillmore, presented on the 2d day of February, 1816, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Beecher presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Scioto, and Pickaway, in the state of Ohio, praying that a road may be made from Lower Sandusky, on lake Erie, to Chillicothe, in said state.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referrred to the committee appointed on so much of the President's message, as relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Jeptha Brown, Samuel White, William Brough, and Joseph Davis, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of Jeptha Brown, Samuel White, and Joseph Davis, respectively, ought *not* to be granted; and that Joseph Davis have leave to withdraw his petition.

Resolved, That William Brough have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

Mr. Rhea also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Charles Russel and others, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Armistead Whitehead, and Charles Van Dyke, and that they be referred to the Secretary of War.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Whiting, and that it be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill, making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year 1818, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes also reported a bill for the relief of John B. Dabney, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the claim of John Ireland, transmitted to this House by the Commissioner of Claims, together with the report of the committee of Claims thereon, be recommitted to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill to repeal so much of an act of the 6th of July, 1812, as allows pay and emoluments to brevet rank; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, on the petition of Joseph Wellington Page, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House, a report from the Secretary of War on the petition of brigadier general Moses Porter, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting sundry statements in relation to the accounts of major general St. Clair, in obedience to a resolution of this House, of the 3d instant; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

In pursuance of notice given yesterday, Mr. Harrison obtained leave to bring in a bill to extend for a further term of five years, the pensions heretofore granted to the widows and orphans of the officers and soldiers who died, or were killed in the late war; and,

Mr. Harrison, Mr. Moore, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Storrs, and Mr. Stewart, of North Carolina, were appointed a committee to prepare, and bring in the same.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana,

Resoved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the laws in relation to the salaries and emoluments of the registers and receivers of public moneys.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to lay before this House a statement of the number of tons of bar iron, iron in pigs, cast and rolled iron, that has been imported into the United States annually, and from what countries the same may have been imported from the 1st of May, 1812, until the 1st of May, 1817; and if any, what quantity has been exported during the same period.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to this House any information tending to show the propriety of continuing the office of Claims for the term of one year from the 9th of April next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

An act for the relief of Richard M. Johnson,

An act, supplimentary to the act, entitled "An act further extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants, and for other purposes;" and,

An act to authorize certain purchasers of public land to withdraw their entries, and transfer the moneys paid thereon; in which bills, they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The former of the said bills was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of Claims; and,

The two latter were severally read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, and depending at the time of adjournment; when,

Mr. Taylor moved to amend the same, by striking out these words, viz: *at the military school of the United States;* which amendment was rejected by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Moore, to amend the said resolution by striking out from the word *expediency* to the end thereof, and inserting the following, to wit: "of bringing in a bill, embracing the following principle, viz: that in all applications hereafter, for the admission of cadets into the military academy at West Point, a preference shall be given to the sons of the officers, noncommissioned officers and soldiers, who were killed in battle, or died in the service of the United States in the late war, giving a preference to those least able to educate themselves, and who may be best qualified for the military profession."

The amendment being read, Mr. Thomas M. Nelson moved to amend the same by striking out the words *or died in the service of the United States*; which was rejected by the House.

The question was then taken on the amendment moved by Mr. Moore;

And passed in the affirmative.

The said resolution was then agreed to as amended.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the conferees apponted on their part, to attend a conference with the managers appointed on the part of the Senate, upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the first amendment proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1818;" and the said report being again read; when it was

Resolved, That this House do *adhere* to their disagreement to the first amendment proposed by the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had made some progress therein; and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Livermore,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 16, 1818.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of Elizur Steel, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts.

Ordered, That the petition of Jeremiah Bettes, together with a letter from the Secretary of War, to him (Mr. Holmes) upon the subject of thesaid petition; and,

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Ordered, That the petition of James Wood, presented on the 31st December, 1818, be also referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of William Handy, stating, that previous to the division of the state of New York, into two judicial districts, certain goods, wares, and merchandise, belonging to him, were seized and libelled, in the northern part of said state, and that

the judge of the southern district refuses to deliver up the proceeds of the sale of said merchandise to await the issue of the trial of the said libel, in the court of the northern district, and praying that an act may be passed, directing the judge of the said southern district to deliver over the said proceeds, together with such records and documents as may now remain on file in said district in relation to the said libel, to the judge of the said northern district.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, members of the Legislature of the said state, praying that the circuit and district courts of the United States, within, and for the state of Ohio, may be removed from Chillicothe to Columbus.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of Richard Claiborne, presented on the 14th February, 1816, be also referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Comstock presented a petition of Sally King, wife of John King, of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, stating that the said John King abandoned her about four years ago, without any fault on her part, and that he hath made no provision for her support; that he is now living in open adultery with a negro woman, whom he permits to assume his name; and that his whole conduct to her, since their marriage, has been of the most cruel, wanton, and abandoned nature, and praying to be divorced from the said John King.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a petition of John J. Johnson, Samuel Plumb, Ralph Patcham, Samuel Bouten, Hannah De Bevoise, and Margaret Duffield, of Brooklyn, in the state of New York, praying compensation for damages sustained by them, in consequence of the occupation of their property by troops of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Eli Hart, praying compensation for property destroyed by the enemy in the late war, in consequence of its being in the use and occupancy of the troops of the United States.

Mr. Herkimer presented a petition of John Bedford, praying to be paid the amount of moneys due him for his services as a soldier in the army during the late war, which is withheld in consequence of having been returned as a deserter, when in fact, he was captured by the enemy, and remained in captivity until a few months previous to the conclusion of the war.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of John B. Smith, a deputy contractor under Elbert Anderson, contractor for supplying rations to one of the armies of the United States, in the late war with

Great Britain, praying to be paid for a number of hides destroyed by the enemy, upon their invasion of the Niagara frontier, in the month of December, 1813.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of Nathan W. Curtis, stating that at the commencement of the late war with Great Britain, he resided in Upper Canada, and was possessed of considerable property, and that owning to services which he rendered to the American army, and his known attachment to the cause of the United States, he was compelled to abandon the province; that the whole of his property has been confiscated by the British government, and that he is now destitute in a strange land, with a wife and nine children, and praying for such relief in the premises, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress, may seem meet and proper.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Spencer presented another petition of Eli Hart, praying to be paid the balance which now remains due on a draft, given by a certain James M'Closky, an assistent deputy quartermaster general on the War Department, which is withheld in consequence of said M'Closkey's not having settled his accounts at that Departmentment.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of sundry dry good merchants, traders, and master tailors, in the city of Philadelphia, praying that the duty on ready made clothes imported into the United States, may be increased.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Mannfactures.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of the Philadelphia Irish Emigrant Society, praying to the same effect with the petition of the New York Irish Emigrant Society, presented by Mr. Taylor on the 13th instant.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committe on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Bloomfield,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War on the petition of brigadier general Moses Porter, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Joseph Gwynne, Edward Kain, and Stephen Barnum, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of Joseph Gwynne, and Edward Kain, ought *not* to be granted; and that Stephen Barnum have leave to *withdraw* his petition.

Mr. Rhea also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Cornelius Baldwin, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Ebenezer Smith and Charles Stockton, and that they be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, made reports on the petitions of Charles Jenks, of Charles Humphreys, and John Perrin, administrators on the estate of John Hamilton, deceased, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners respectively, ought *not* to be granted, and that they have leave to withdraw their petitions.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made reports on the petitions of John M'Gehee, of Robert Hays, of Antoine Bondie, of John Free, and of William Gamble, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the respective petitions of Antoine Bondie, of John Free, and of William Gamble, ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That John M'Gehee and Robert Hays, have leave to withdraw their respective petitions and documents.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable supplementary report on the case of John Ireland, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of B. & P. Jourdan, which was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of B. & P. Jourdan, brothers, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of Madame Poidevin, which was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of Madame Poidevin, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams also reported the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Richard M. Johnson," without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill, fixing the compensation of the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, and of the Clerks employed in their offices, which was read the first time.

A message from the Senate, by Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have *receded* from their first amendment to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1818."

An engrossed resolution "directing the judges of the supreme court to be furnished with Wait's state papers," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of altering the time of holding the United States court for the district of Virginia, directed by law to be holden in the city of Richmond, from the 12th, to the second day of April, in each year.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of New York,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing John Miller upon the pension list, from the 20th of October, 1812.

On motion of Mr. Bloomfield,

Resolved, That the committee on Foreign Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing the residence of a consul at Mogadore, in the empire of Morocco.

On motion of Mr. Blount,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads. be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Greenville, by Newport, Dandridge, and Hill's, to Knoxville, Tennessee.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land to each surviving soldier of the late revolutionary army, who enlisted for three years, and who faithfully served the full term of their enlistment.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bloomfield reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 17, 1818.

Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of John Carlton the 2d, praying for a pension.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of William Frost, praying to be allowed and paid the commutation of his half pay, as an officer in the revolutionary army, as also, for a grant of the land, to which he is entitled for said services.

Mr. Desha presented a petition of Nathaniel G. Morris, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Nelson, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Newburyport, in the state of Massachusetts, praying for the establishment of an uniform system of bankruptcy.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill for that purpose.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry merchants of Boston, praying that the credits allowed by law, for the duties on goods imported from places beyond the Cape of Good Hope, may be extended in point of time, and modified as to the terms of payment.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Lawyer presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of New York, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made reports on the cases of William Eadus and Richard Mansfield, transmitted to this House by the Commissioner of Claims, which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Herbert, from the committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill, explanatory of the act authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States, in the city of Washington, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Bernhard Steiner, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1818, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1818," and had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wilson also reported, that the committee did, on the 14th instant, present to the President of the United States, enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to incorporate the Columbian Insurance Company of Alexandria."

"An act making provision for the establishment of additional land offices in the territory of Missouri;" and,

"An act making provision for the payment of the arrearages which have been incurred for the support of the military establishment, previous to the 1st January, 1817."

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting sundry papers in relation to the contracts with colonel Samuel Hughes, for manufacturing cannon and shot for the use of the United States, in obedience to a resolution of this House of the 12th instant, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Simkins be appointed of the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to the Public Buildings, and to the erection of additional public offices, in the place of Mr. Parris, resigned.

On motion of Mr. Comstock,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making further provision by law, for the maintenance and support of Catharine Low, who, since the commencement of the late war, has lost her husband, two sons, and a son in law, in the military service of the United States, and is in indigent circumstances.

On motion of Mr. Sawyer,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for staking the channel of Currituck sound, from the inlet to Powell's point.

The bill fixing the compensation of the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, and of the Clerks employed in their offices, was read the second time, amended, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did, on the 16th instant, approve and sign enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

An act to incorporate the Columbian Insurance Company of Alexandria; and,

An act making appropriations for the payment of the arrearages which have been incurred for the support of the military establishment, previous to the 1st of January, 1817.

And on this day;

An act making provision for the establishment of additional land offices in the territory of Missouri.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquint the Senate therewith.

Mr. J. J. Monroe also delivered in at the Speaker's table, two messages, in writing, from the President of the United States.

The first of the said messages is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

Conformably with a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 6th of this month, I now lay before that House a report, received from the Secretary of State, with the copy of the correspondence referred to, and requested by that resolution.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, February 12, 1818.

The said message was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The second of the said messages is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I lay before the House of Representatives, copies of two communications received at the Department of State from the minister of Great Britain, and submit to their consideration, the propriety of making such legislative provisions as may be necessary, for a compliance with the representations contained in them.

By the express terms of that compact, it was, when ratified by the two governments, to be in force for the term of four years, *from the day of its signature.* The revocation of all the discriminating duties, became, therefore, the obligation of both governments *from that day*, and it is conceived that every individual who has been required to pay, and who has paid, any of the extra duties revoked by the convention, has a just and lawful claim upon the respective governments for its return. From various accidents it has happened, that both here and in Great Britain, the cessation of the extra duties has been fixed to commence at different times. It is desirable that Congress should pass an act, providing for the return of *all* the extra duties, *incompatible with the terms of the convention,* which have been levied upon British vessels or merchandise, after the 3d of July, 1815. The British parliament have already set the example of fixing that day for the cessation of the extra duties of export, by their act of 30th of June last, and the minister of the United States, in London, is instructed to require the extension of the same principle, to *all* the extra duties levied on vessels and merchandise of the United States, in the ports of Great Britain, since that day. It is not doubted that the British government will comply with this requisition, and that the act suggested, may be passed by Congress, with full confidence that the reciprocal measure will receive the sanction of the British Parliament.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, February 12, 1818.

The said message was read, and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy thoughout the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bloomfield reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 18, 1818.

Mr. Mason, of Rhode Island, presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the states of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, praying that no alteration may take place in the post route, between Providence and Boston.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Comstock presented documents in suppport of the application of Catharine Low, for a pension, which were referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Nicholas Boilvin, praying compensation for property, destroyed by the hostile Indians, at Pairie du Chien, in the territory of Illinois, during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Kentucky, on behalf of James Ferguson, praying that the said Ferguson may be remunerated for his trouble and expenses, in procuring the conviction of certain offenders against the laws of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Missouri, praying that the said territory may be admitted into the Union as a state, on an equal footing with the original States.

Ordered, That the said petition lie on the table.

Mr. Scott also presented a petition of William Rector, surveyor general for the territories of Illinois and Missouri, praying for an increase of his compensation, as also, that he may be allowed some additional compensation for services heretofore rendered, as a deputy surveyor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made reports on the petitions of William Esenbeck, and James Van

Horn, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of James Van Horn ought *not* to be granted; and, that the petitioners respectively, have leave to withdraw their petitions and documents.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Samuel Sprigg, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson, from the same committee to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplimentary to the act, entitled 'An act further extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants, and for other purposes;" and the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize certain purchasers of public land to withdraw their entries, and transfer the moneys paid thereon," reported the said bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bills be severally read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson, from the same committee, to whom was also referred the resolution from the Senate, "relative to the distribution of the late edition of the land laws," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said resolution be read a third time to-day.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Catharine Robertson, Enos Granniss, and George Smith, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners respectively, ought *not* to be granted, and that Enos Grannis have leave to withdraw the documents accompanying his petition.

Mr. Rhea also made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Richard Frothingham, Isaac Thompson, and Daniel Jones, which were read, and severally ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Herrick, from the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief Daniel Burnett, Gibson Clark, and the legal representatives of Hubert Rowel, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill confirming the claim of Tobias Rheams to a tract of land granted by the Spanish government.

Mr. Herrick, from the same committee, also reported a bill for the relief of Narcissus Broutin and others, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a comittee of the whole, last mentioned.

Mr. H. Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit courts, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States.

Ordered, That the report of the committee of Ways and Means on the petition of Taylor & Walker, and Daniel Manley, be referred to the committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of sundry inhabitants of Knox county, in the late territory, now state, of Indiana, presented on the 7th January, 1813.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from Richard Bland Lee, Commissioner of Claims, transmitting reports of the facts, in the cases of Whitmore Knaggs, of the territory of Michigan, of Tobias E. Stansbury and William Stansbury, and of Hickman Johnson, guardian of Juliet Eliza Sellers, of the state of Maryland, with the evidence accompanying each, which was referred to the committee of Claims.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to fix the compensation of the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, and the clerks employed in their offices," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The resolution from the Senate, "relative to the distribution of the late edition of the land laws," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Joseph Wellington Page, together with the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Tucker, of Virginia,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing a further compensation for his services to the postmaster at Stratsburg, Shenandoah county, Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the post route from Glasgow to Burksville, in the state of Kentucky, so that it shall pass through Tompkinsville, in Barren county.

On motion of Mr. Claggett,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law, a post road from Amherst, through the westerly part of Bedford, by Goffstown west meeting house, through Hopkinton to Concord, in New Hampshire; and from Concord, upon the turnpike road, to Isle Hookset, in Dunbarton; thence on the river road, to Piscataquag bridge, in said Bedford; thence by Bedford meeting house, to the county road, so called, and from thence to said Amherst.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pension of lieutenant Aaron Stafford of the New York militia, late an adjutant in the service of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Slocumb,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be requested to lay before this House, information, whether any of the paymasters of the armies of the United States, during the late war, have failed to perform their duty in making their returns and settlements, and the names of such delinquents, and the reason why coercive measures have not been used to compel a performance of duty.

On motion of Mr. Drake,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be directed to furnish each of the members of Congress with a printed copy of the reports of the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made 13th of February, and 6th of March, 1816.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of adding to the land district, established at St. Stephens, in the Alabama territory, the lands lately acquired from the Chickasaw, and Choctaw Indians, and adjacent to said district.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bloomfield reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 19, 1818.

Mr. Butler presented a petition of John Taylor, praying for a pension.

Mr. Claiborne presented a petition of Robert Farmborough, praying to be paid the amount due for the services of his father, as a soldier in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, presented a petition of Nicholas Reel, brother and heir at law, of Henry Reel, deceased, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed and paid for the services of the deceased, as also, for a grant of the land to which he was entitled for said services.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Morton presented a petition Job W. Gardner, and John Gardner, praying that the amount of two judgments obtained

against them for the duties upon a distillery may be remitted, as the said distillery, together with its contents, was subsequently demolished by the wind and tide, by which, the petitioners allege, they are reduced to extreme poverty.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry merchants and distillers, in Boston and its vicinity, praying that a drawback of five cents a gallon may be allowed on the exportation of spirits distilled within the United States, from foreign materials.

Mr. Slocumb presented a petition of Bridges Arendell, collector of the customs for the district of Beaufort, in the state of North Carolina, praying for an increase of compensation.

Mr. Middleton presented a petition of David Bailey, of the city of Charleston, in the state of South Carolina, merchant, praying to be allowed the drawback of duties on a quantity of wines, imported by him into the said city, with the intention of exporting the same, which he was prevented from doing by the passage of the act in 1808, laying an embargo; in consequence of which he was compelled to keep the same until it become sour, and sold for a price, not more than sufficient to pay the import duties.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of John Baldy, late a captain in the army of the United States, praying to be allowed and paid the discount of five per cent, which he was compelled to pay, in changing a treasury note of one thousand dollars, placed in his hands for the public service, and that he may be allowed and paid for services rendered in the quartermaster's department, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Claiborne presented a petition of Robert Evans, a captain in general Coffee's brigade of militia, in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain, praying to be paid for a negro servant, the property of the petitioner, who died on the march from New Orleans to Tennessee, after the war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Moore presented a petition of Stanton Shales, praying compensation for his baggage, which he lost whilst a captain of artillery, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying, that in the sale of lands adjoining the Indian reservations, no person may be permitted to become a purchaser, but such as are christians, and who may have obtained certificates from trustees, select men, or justices of the peace, that they are of good moral character, sober, discreet, and well disposed, in order that facilities may not be afforded to the Indians, in obtaining ardent

spirits, to the end that their civilization may be more speedily and certainly effected; and also, that no person may be appointed an agent to reside among the Indians, but men of sobriety, integrity, and of unblemished moral character.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to establish trading houses among the Indian tribes, and for the organization and encouragement of schools for their instruction and civilization.

Mr. Newton, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to which was committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning the district of Brunswick, in the state of Georgia," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-day.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1818."

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, to whom was recommitted their report on the petition of Mary Graeff, made a supplementary report thereon, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the case of Mary Frazier, transmitted to this House by Richard Bland Lee, commissioner of claims, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Eli Parsons, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of William Ellicott, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting statements of the expenditure, and application of the fund, appropriated for the contingent expenses of the military establishment for the year 1817, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the moneys paid for defraying the expenses of the commissioners, under the fourth, sixth, and seventh articles of the treaty of Ghent, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Noah Brown, and others, and that it be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

An act concerning the district of Brunswick, in the state of Georgia.

An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act further extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants, and for other purposes;" and,

An act to authorize certain purchasers of public lands to withdraw their entries, and transfer the moneys paid thereon, were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. J. Monroe, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1818."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Huntington,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to examine an act, entitled "An act regulating the currency within the United States, of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces," passed in the first session of the 14th Congress, and ascertain whether the same does not require legislative interposition. The said act, in the first word of the 10th line of the 1st section, reads *seventy*, when it is obvious from the rest of the section, it should read *twenty*.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Butler, viz:

Resolved, That after this day, the House meet at the hour of eleven in the forenoon, and adjourn at three of the clock in the afternoon.

The question was then taken, that the House do *now* proceed to consider this resolution;

And passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Trimble,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Flemingsburg, in the county of Fleming, to Carlisle, in the county of Nicholas, and from thence to Millersburg, in the state of Kentucky.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported, that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 20, 1818.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Tompkins, presented on the 3d January, 1817, be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the petition of Kenzie and Forsyth, presented on the 11th February, 1813, and the petition of sundry inhabitants of the village of Peoria, in the territory of Illinois, presented on the 5th February, 1814, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Stephen Singleton, of the city of Philadelphia, shipmaster, praying that a part of the duties paid by him, on a quantity of merchandise which he imported from Cadiz, in Spain, in the year 1812, may be refunded, as the said goods were found, upon examination, to be so injured, that he was compelled to sell them at a price, little more than one half of their cost in Spain, and upon which the duties amounted to more than forty-five per centum.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition of Matthew M'Coy, praying that the duties paid by him on his distillery may be refunded, as the said distillery, with all its contents, was subsequently destroyed by fire, in consequence of which, he is, with a wife and five children, reduced to extreme proverty.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Moore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, in the state of Pennsylvania, on behalf of captain Jonathan Morris, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying that the said Morris may be placed on the pension list of the United States.

Mr. Hubbard presented documents in support of the application of Aaron Stafford for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition and documents, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sergent presented a petition of Daniel Wheeler and Simon Cock, citizens of London, and subjects of his Britannic majesty, by John W. Perit, their attorney, stating that they are the patentees, under a patent granted by the British government for a discovery in the manufacture of malt liquors, and praying that the benefit of their said patent may be extended to them within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Burwell presented a petition of Jonathan Elliot, stating, that he proposes to publish a complete set of *domestic state papers*, containtng the most valuable reports of committees of Congress,

and of the Heads of Departments, concerning the commerce, manufactures, and internal improvements of the United States; and praying that the patronage of the government may be extended to him in his said publication.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of State.

Mr. Jones presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Alabama territory, praying for a right of pre-emption in the purchase of the lands on which they reside.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Samuel Story, praying that his title to a tract of land in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Sarah Weathers, Mehitabel Segar, David Bowers, and John Viol, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the respective petitions of Sarah Weathers, Mehitabel Segar, and John Viol, ought *not* to be granted, and that David Bowers have leave to *withdraw* his petition.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made reports on the petitions of Zachariah Harwood, Joseph Wellington Page, and Martin Dubs, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to divide the state of Pennsylvania into two judicial districts," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the same committee, reported a bill to establish a judicial district in Virginia, west of the Allegany mountain, which was read the first and and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. H. Nelson also reported a bill for altering the time for holding the district court, for the district of Virginia, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the committee for enrolled bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act further extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants, and for other purposes."

An act concerning the district of Brunswick, in the state of Georgia.

An act to authorize certain purchasers of public land to withdraw their entries and transfer the moneys paid thereon; and,

A resolution relative to the distribution of the late edition of the land laws; and, had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a return of the arms and military stores furnished to the respective states, under the act of 1808, for arming the militia of the United States, in obedience to a resolution of the 8th ultimo; which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Forsyth,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of changing the mode by which the army of the United States, is subsisted, with leave to report by bill or otherwise; and,

Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Mercer, and Mr. Peter, were appointed the said committee.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1818; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith of Maryland, reported the said bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in obedience to a resolution of the House, of the 11th December last, an account of the sums awarded by the commissioner, under the act of the 9th April, 1816, for the payment for property lost during the late war, and the act of the 3d March, 1817, supplementary thereto, describing the species of property paid for, with sundry documents in relation to the subject embraced by the resolution; which were ordered to lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of major general Arthur St. Clair."

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 23, 1818.

Mr. Newton announced the death of Peterson Goodwyn, one of the members of this House, for the state of Virginia, which took place at his residence, near Petersburg, in that state, on the 21st instant: Whereupon, it was,

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Resolved, *unanimously*, That the members of this House will testify their respect for the memory of Peterson Goodwyn, deceased, late a member of their body, from the state of Virginia, by wearing crape on the left arm for one month.

Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate, informing them that this House, in testimony of their respect for the memory of the late colonel Peterson Goodwyn, one of their body, from the state of Virginia, have *unanimously* resolved to wear crape on the left arm for one month.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go with the said message.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 24, 1818.

Mr. Mills presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Hampden county, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that additional duties may be imposed on window glass, imported into the United States.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry merchants of Boston, praying that the importation of copper rods, bolts and spikes, suitable for ship building, may be permitted free of duty.

Mr. Wilkin presented a petition of Daniel Denton, praying for the remission of duties now due on his distillery, as the said distillery was consumed by fire, after the said duties accrued.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of looking glasses in frames, and carvers and gilders on wood, praying that the present duties on tinfoil and whiting, being the principal articles of foreign origin used in their line of business, may be reduced, and that the duties on looking glasses in frames, and carving and gilding on wood, generally, may be increased.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of Jonathan Gregory, praying for the remission of duties imposed on the distillery of a certain Nathan Broughton, for whom he was surety, for reasons stated in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Shaw presented a petition of Timothy Northam;

Mr. Comstock presented a petition of George Fitzsimmons;

Mr. Wilkin presented a petition of John Paulding, one of the three men who captured major John Andre, in the revolutionary war, respectively praying for an increase of the pensions heretofore granted to them.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Charles Hayden;

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of John Ball; and,

Mr. Palmer presented a petition of Caleb Childs, respectively praying for pensions.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of Joshua Eddy, praying compensation for his services, as an officer in the revolutionary army, and for the commutation of half pay, to which he is entitled for said services.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Benjamin Simmons, praying to be paid the amount of two certificates, issued to him for services rendered, as an officer in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Comstock presented a petition of Alexander M'Nitt, praying compensation for his services, as an officer in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Ogle presented a petition of Philip Nullert, praying for a grant of the land to which he conceives himself entitled for services, as a soldier in the British army, in America, in the war between France and Great Britain, which commenced in the year 1755.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Joseph Little, praying for a grant of the land to which he is entitled for services, as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

The Speaker presented a petition of Jacob Van Tassell, praycompensation for property destroyed by the British forces, in the revolutionary army, in consequence of its being in the service of the troops of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Merrill presented a petition of James Hicks, praying to be paid for a quantity of rations, furnished a detachment of the army of the United States, at Bennington, in the state of Vermont, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Robert Keane, praying compensation for damages sustained in his property, while in the occupancy of the army of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Reed presented a petition of James Connar, praying compensation for a horse, destroyed by the British in the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Drake presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Broome and Cortland, in the state of New York;

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Broome and Chenango, in the state of New York;

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Butler, Warren, and Preble, in the state of Ohio;

Mr. Scott presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Saint Louis, in the territory of Missouri, respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Mr. Peter presented a petition of John Adamson, postmaster at Rockville, in Montgomery county, in the state of Maryland, praying for an increase of compensation.

Mr. Pleasants presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the counties of Henrico, Goochland, Hanover, Louisa, and Fluvanna, in the state of Virginia, praying that no alteration may be made in the post route between Richmond and Charlottsville, in that state.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Ogden presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the village of Cape Vincent and elsewhere, in the district of Sackett's-Harbor, in the state of New York, praying that the said district may be divided, and that a new district for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage may be formed, and that the said village may be established as a port of entry.

Mr. Ogden also presented petitions of sundry merchants and other citizens, residing on the Saint Lawrence and Ontario frontier, in the state of New York, praying that the same regulations which are established with respect to the entrance and clearance of vessels in the ports on the Atlantic, may be established with respect to the entrance and clearance of boats and vessels, trading between the ports of the United States, on the river St. Lawrence, and on the Ontario frontier, and the ports in the British provinces of Canada; and that the fees of the custom house officers at the ports on the said river and frontier, may be reduced.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of Richard H. Willcocks, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, praying that a register may be granted to the American built ship, called the *Augustus*, belonging to the petitioner and his partners, as the said ship hath been deprived of the benefit of her former register, in consequence of her capture at sea by a French cruizer, and of being sold to a subject of a foreign power, from whom she was repurchased by an American citizen, and passed into the possession of the petitioner.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that further protection and encouragement may be extended to the manufacturing establishments within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of Joseph Delaplaine, stating, that it is his intention to establish a national gallery of the portraits of distinguished Americans, in conjunction with a museum, at the seat of the national government, and praying for sufficient aid to enable him to carry his plans into execution.

Ordered, That the said petition lie on the table.

Mr. M'Lane presented a petition of John Kilgore, praying to be paid for a quantity of plank which he furnished to the United States, under contract, about the year 1800, to be used in the building of a 74 gun ship, at Philadelphia.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Navy.

The speaker presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the states of Ohio and Indiana, praying that an office for the sale of the lands of the United States, may be established at Greenville, in Ohio.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of that part of the state of Mississippi, which was formerly a part of the Spanish province of West Florida, praying that certain grants, made by the former Spanish government, of extensive bodies of land for the purpose of speculation, may not be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of Samuel Jackson, stating, that in the late war with Great Britain, he was employed by general Dearborn on secret service, in the performance of which he encountered great peril, and in consequence whereof he suffered much in person and property, and praying for a grant of land, equal in value to his losses, or for such other relief as may be meet and proper.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Scott presented petitions from Robert Reynolds, Matthias Bollinger, Valentine Love, Abraham Crader, Jacob Parks, Joseph Nisewonger, Jun. Joseph Nisewonger, Sen. and Martin Thomas; respectively praying, that their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Ordeded, That the petition of Lavinia Hawkins, widow of colonel Benjamin Hawkins, deceased, late agent of the United States, in the Creek nation of Indians, presented on the 28th January, 1817, be also referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Ordered, That the Secretary of War be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Charles Van Dyke, and that it be referred to the Secretary of the Navy.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of John Carlton, the second, and Nicholas Reel, and that they be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Elisha Gordon, Martha Perry, George Greenway, Samuel Blaney, and John Keemle, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the respective petitions of Elisha Gordon, Martha Perry, John Keemle, and Samuel Blaney, *ought not* to be granted; and that Samuel Blaney have leave to *withdraw* the *documents* accompanying his petition.

Resolved, That George Greenway take *nothing* by his petition.

Mr. Rhea also made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Willis Willson, William Frost, and Sarah Daggett, which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Newton, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, reported a bill to authorize the apprehension of foreign seamen, deserting the vessels to which they belong; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Friday next.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Eli Hart, and that it be referred to the Commissioner of Claims, for property lost, captured, or destroyed, in the late war.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Haile, which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, also made reports on the petitions of Phelps & Landon, Nicholas Boilvin, Philip Bryant, and Samuel M'Clure, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Williams also made unfavorable reports on the petitions of John M'Crea, and Harvey Wakefield, and of Joseph and Benjamin Edrington, which were read, and severally ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of Catharine M'Cullock, John Robertson, and William Barber, administrator of Conrad Laub, deceased, and that the two former be referred to the com-

mittee on Military Affairs, and the latter to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred, on the 14th ultimo, the petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Illinois, made a report thereon, which was read; when,

Mr. Robertson reported a bill confirming certain claims to land in the Illinois territory, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of major general Arthur St. Clair," and had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Bassett, from the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, in relation to the claim of the heir and representative of the late Caron de Beaumarchais, made a detailed report upon the said claim, which was read; when, by leave of the House,

Mr. Bassett reported a bill, relative to the claim of the heir of Caron de Beaumarchais, which was read the first and second time and committed to a commitee of the whole, to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

Conformably with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 12th instant, I lay before that House, a report which I have received from the Department of State, with a copy of the letter communicated with it.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, February 18, 1818.

The said message and accompanying documents were read, and referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill relative to the heir of Caron de Beaumarchais.

Mr. Claggett, from the select committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Fairfield, as also the petition of Mehitabel Cole, made a report on the said petitions, which was read; when, by leave of the House,

Mr. Claggett reported a bill, granting to Mehitabel Cole, the land therein mentioned, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill respecting invalids; which was read the first

and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Johnson also reported a bill for the admission of cadets into the military academy; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Johnson also reported a bill for the relief of William B. Lewis, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Johnson also reported a bill concerning widows of the militia, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Moseley, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Andrew Law, by leave of the House, reported a bill authorizing the renewal of a patent heretofore granted to Andrew Law, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Taylor.

Resolved, That after the present week, the daily hour to which this House shall stand adjourned, be eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting two statements respecting the importation of sundry species of Iron, in obedience to a resolution of the House of the 13th instant, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Huntington,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this House a copy of all contracts, made for furnishing rations to the troops within the state of Georgia, for the years 1817, and 1818; that he also inform this House, whether any demands for *rations in advance* hath been made during said term, and if so, whether said demand has not been complied with; specifying the time when, and by whom the said demand was made, and the place at which said rations in advance were directed to be deposited: And also give information whether any advances in money have been made by the War Department to enable the contractor to comply with said demand for rations in advance, and the amount of money advanced, and the time when; and give such further information, if within his knowledge, as will enable the House to judge correctly, respecting the failures which have taken place by the contractors, during the aforementioned period.

On motion of Mr. Forsyth,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby requested, if in his opinion it is not inconsitent with the public interest, to lay before this House, so much of the correspondence with the government of Spain, as will enable Congress to judge what ground there is for expecting an amicable, and speedy adjust-

ment of the differences, between that government and the United States.

Mr. Forsyth, and Mr. Williams, of Connecticut, were appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

Ordered, That the letter from the Secretary of War, received on the 20th instant, transmitting sundry statements and other documents, in relation to the execution of the act for the payment for property lost in the late war, be referred to the committee of Claims.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1818; and,

An act altering the time for holding the district court for the district of Virginia; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carthe said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

A motion was then made by Mr. Edwards, to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of the said bill, and that the same be postponed indefinitely; when,

The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 25, 1818.

Ordered, That Mr. Storrs have leave of absence from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Hale presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state New Hampshire, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Neil M'Koy, praying compensation for his services, as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, presented a petition of Peter Helphenstine and others, heirs and representatives of the late Peter Helphenstine, deceased, praying to be allowed and paid for the services of the deceased, as a major in the revolutionary army, and for a grant of the land to which he was entitled for said services.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of David Beard, praying compensation for a quantity of gunpowder deposited by him in the public store at Detroit, in obedience to the directions of the officers of the United States, and which fell into the hands of the British, upon the surrender of general Hull; as also, that he may be paid for certain merchandise, seized and sold by the custom house officers, which merchandise he was compelled to bring into the United States, to prevent its confiscation by the British government of Canada.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of paper hangings, in the city of Philadelphia, praying that a duty of fifty cents on each piece of paper, and one dollar on each piece of border, may be imposed on all paper hangings imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a petition of Archibald W. Hamilton, stating that he was born in the state of New York, and was an officer in the British army, that upon being ordered with the regiment to which he belonged, to serve against the United States in the late war with Great Britain, he refused to perform duty against his native country, in consequence of which he suffered hardships and indignities, which his devotion to his country alone could have enabled him to support; that upon leaving the British service, his pay to a large amount was withheld, and that he is desirous of obtaining a commission in the American army; and praying such relief as Congress may think it meet and proper to grant him.

Mr. Terrill presented a petition of James Pelot, praying for an additional compensation for his services as an assistant assessor in the state of Georgia, as also for compensation for a number of negroes taken by the British, subsequent to the ratification of the late treaty of peace with that nation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of a committee on behalf of the surviving officers of the revolutionary army, praying that an equitable settlement of the half pay for life, as promised by the resolves of Congress, may now be made.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to the surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of Brintnel Robins, praying to be allowed an additional compensation for a number of boats furnished the United States on lake Erie, during the late war with Great Britain, and for pay for certain boats which were driven by a storm into the said lake and lost; as also, for some compensation for certain other boats which were condemned by the inspectors.

Mr. Baldwin also presented a petition of Thomas Wilson, praying to be allowed an additional price for rations furnished by him to the troops of the United States, in the years 1803, and 1804, within the then territory of Louisiana.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Herbert presented a petition of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, praying for the passage of an act of incorporation, upon the same terms, and with similar powers, as that of the medical and chirurgical faculty of the state of Maryland.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Little presented sundry resolutions of the general assembly of the state of Maryland, upon the subject of the defence of the maritime frontier of that state, and offering to cede to the United States, free of expense, any portion of their territory upon which it may be determined to establish a naval depot.

Ordered, That the said resolutions lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Isaac Ackerman, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Ordered, That the committee on Private Land Claims, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Samuel Mims, presented on the 15th January, 1810, and that he have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act providing for the sale of certain lands in the district of Marietta, and for the location of claims, and sale of certain lands in the district of Vincennes," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the Prairie du Chien, which was read; when,

Mr. Robertson reported a bill for the relief of the inhabitants of Prairie du Chien, which was was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson also made an unfavoroble report on the petitions of the Irish Emigrant Society, of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Pittsburg, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson also reported a bill for the relief of William Barton, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of Benjamin Pool, which was read; when,

Mr. Lowndes reported a bill for the relief of the said Benjamin Pool, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes also made a report on the petition of Samuel Bucll, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concured in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to *withdraw* his petition.

Mr. Lowndes also reported a bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of the duties on *imports* and tonnage," passed the 2d of March, 1799, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made reports on the petitions of Joseph Hertick, and of Diego M'Boy, *alias* M'Voy, Wm. Fisher, John B. Bouyage, and Mary Ann Bouyage, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Williams also made unfavorable reports on the cases of John Chalmers, and of Lawrence Muse, and William Gordon, transmitted to this House by the Commissioner of Claims; which were severally read, and the report on the case of Mr. Chalmers, ordered to lie on the table, and that in the case of Mr. Muse and Mr. Gordon, committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Whitman, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Pettibone on behalf of himself, and Ezekiel Chapman, and Josiah Nichols, made a report thereon, which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Daniel Pettibone, presented on the 5th instant, in behalf of himself, Ezekiel Chapman, and Josiah Nichols, ought *not* to be granted.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Treasury have leave to withdraw certain books and papers furnished from the Treasury Department, to the select committee on the claim of the representative of the late Caron de Beaumarchais.

Ordered, That Joseph Wellington Page have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Mr. Seybert,	Mr. Tompkins,	Mr. Whitman,	
Sherwood,	Wendover,	Williams, *Con.*	
Tallmadge,	Westerlo,	Wilkin,	
Taylor,	Whiteside,	Wilson, *Mass.*	70
Terry,			

A question arose, whether the committee of the whole, raised on the said bill, and to which was subsequently committed the bill "to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges," was dissolved by the vote last taken: Upon which,

The Speaker decided, that the committee of the whole was dissolved by the said vote, and that the last mentioned bill was, consequenly, in the House: Whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the said bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, and the appointment of circuit judges, be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 26, 1818.

On motion of Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Manley, presented on the 5th December, 1816, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Schuyler presented a petition of Christopher Hoxie, praying for the renewal of a patent heretofore granted him, for a new and useful improvement in the auger, for digging post holes and wells.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of Rowland Clapp, and Selah Hill, complaining of the delay which has taken place in the trial of a cause in the district court of the northern district of New York, in which they are the defendants, owing to the absence of the judge, and the neglect of the attorney of the United States, for said district, and praying that provision may be made for the regular sitting of said court, and for compelling the said attorney to prosecute the causes committed to his management, without unnecessary and improper delay.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Schuyler presented sundry documents in support of an application of colonel Solomon Van Rensselaer to a pension.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition of Alche Low, mother of Daniel Low, who died of disease contracted while in the military service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, praying for a pension.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of Isaac Miller, also praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Kinsey presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of New Jersey, praying that additional duties may be imposed on iron imported into the United States.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of looking glasses in frames, and carvers and gilders on wood, in the United States, praying that the duties on tinfoil and whiting, being the principal articles of foreign origin used in their line of business, may be reduced, and that the duties on looking glasses in frames, and carving and gilding on wood, generally, may be increased.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Missouri, presented on the 1st of April, 1816, be referred to the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to Indian Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Boonslick settlement, in the territory of Missouri, presented on the 11th December 1815, and the petition of sundry inhabitants of said territory, by Frederick Bates, their agent, presented on the 2d March, 1816, be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Ebenezer Knox, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Virginia,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to report to this House, the proceedings of the court martial, ordered by commodore Isaac Chancey, at the instance of midshipman Marston, for the trial of captain John Orde Creighton, and that he be also directed to lay before this House, the memorial of the midshipmen and other officers in the Mediterranean squadron, forwarded to that Department, and emanating from the proceedings of the court martial held for the trial of the said captain John Orde Creighton.

Ordered, That the letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting copies of the proceedings of the courts martial for the trials of captain Perry and captain Heath, be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Mason Hall, in Orange county, in North Carolina,

to Cannon's Mill, the Shallow Ford on Haw river, to Martinsville, in the county of Gilford.

Ordered, That the report of the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, on the petition of Henry King, be committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill by which the right of citizenship may be relinquished; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 27, 1818.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of Benjamin and Eli Hobart, manufacturers of cut and wrought tacks, praying that additional duties may be imposed on tacks imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Herbert presented a petition of John Tyler, and Truman Tyler, executors of Thomas Turner, deceased, late Accountant of the Navy Department, praying that an allowance may be made for services rendered by the deceased, in the settlement of the accounts of the commissioners of the navy pension fund, and that the same may be paid to them for the benefit of the heirs of said Turner.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, presented a petition of Jesse Brown, praying for a pension.

Mr. Lowndes presented a petition of Henry Gardner, also praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Barber, of Virginia, presented a petition of William Smith, praying to be permitted to remove the location of certain lands, in Kentucky, formerly granted by the state of Virginia, to Thomas Bibb and Richard Philips, for services rendered to that state, to any unlocated lands of the United States, as it has been discovered that the said lands are covered by other locations.

Mr. Claiborne presented a petition of James Brown, praying for a grant of land on Tennessee river, near the Muscle Shoals, or on the Red River, in the state of Louisiana, as a bounty to aid him in establishing a mill to be carried into operation by the means of steam.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Missouri, on behalf of James Burns, Samuel Erving,

and Frederick Dickson, praying that the right of pre-emption may be granted to the said Burns, Erving, and Dickson, in the purchase of the lands on which they reside.

Mr. Scott also presented a petition of Valentine Heffner, a native of Germany, and a citizen of the United States, praying that two townships of public land may be set a apart for emigrants from Germany, under such restrictions and conditions, as to Congress may seem meet and proper.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Slocumb presented a petition of William Fisher, praying compensation for a quantity of timber, cut and taken from his land in the late war with Great Britain, by order of an officer of the army of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the *committee* of Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of John H. Platt, late a contractor for supplying provisions to the north western army, in the late war with Great Britain, stating, that he expended large sums of money for, and sustained various losses in, the public service, for which he cannot obtain remuneration without the interposition of Congress, and praying that an act may be passed for his relief.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Joseph Papin and others, a a petition of David Delauney, a petition of Rene Treudeau and his wife, heirs of doctor John Watkins, deceased, a petition of B. Vasquez and others, a petition of Elijah Smith, a petition of Sylvester Labaddie, a petition of Louis Fayon, a petition of Antoine Souland, a petition of Gregoire Sarpy and his wife, and a petition of Francois Saucier, respectively praying that their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of John T. David, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the petition of John David be *rejected.*

Mr. H. Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to alter and amend an act of the 3d March, 1817, to establish a separate territorial government for the eastern part of the Mississippi territory," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of David Bailey, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Forsyth, from the committee appointed on the 24th instant to present to the President of the United States, a resolution adopted on that day, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered, that he would attend to the request contained in the said resolution.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Robert Ramsay, and that it be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Ordered, That the said committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be also discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of the 25th instant, instructing them to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to Oliver Pilsipher, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of the judges of the circuit court for the District of Columbia;" and they have passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army," with *amendments;* in which bill and amendments they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That John Haslett have leave to withdraw his petition presented to this House on the 15th January, 1817.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee on the Public Lands, on the petitions of the Irish emigrant societies of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Pittsburg; and the resolution contained in the said report being read as follows: viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted;

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to amend the said resolution by striking out the word *not;*

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in negative, { Yeas.....71, Nays.....83.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Bellinger,	Mr. Butler,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Bennett,	Clagett,
Baldwin,	Boden,	Comstock,

Mr. Crafts,
Crawford,
Cruger,
Cushman,
Darlington,
Desha,
Drake,
Ellicott,
Ervin, *S. C.*
Floyd,
Folger,
Forsyth,
Fuller,
Gage,
Hale,
Harrison,
Hasbrouck,
Hendricks,
Herkimer,
Herrick,
Hiester,
Mr. Holmes, *Mass.*
Hubbard,
Hunter,
Johnson, *Ken.*
Kinsey,
Kirtland,
Lawyer,
Little,
Livermore,
Merrill,
Moore,
Murray,
H. Nelson,
Newton,
Ogle,
Palmer,
Parrott,
Patterson,
Peter,
Porter,
Reed,
Mr. Rhea,
Rich,
Richards,
Sawyer,
Sergeant,
Silsbee,
Spencer,
Stuart, *Md.*
Tallmadge,
Tarr,
Taylor,
Tompkins,
Townsend,
Upham,
Walker, *Ken.*
Wallace,
Wendover,
Whiteside,
Williams, *N. Y.*
Wilkin. 71

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,
Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *Vt.*
Anderson, *Ken.*
Austin,
Ball,
Barbour, *Va.*
Barber, *Ohio*,
Bassett,
Bayley,
Beecher,
Blount,
Boss,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Campbell,
Claiborne,
Cobb,
Colston,
Cook,
Earle,
Edwards,
Forney,
Garnett,
Hall, *Del.*
Hall, *N. C.*
Hitchcock,
Hogg,
Mr. Holmes, *Con.*
Huntington,
Irving, *N. Y.*
Johnson, *Va.*
Jones,
Lowndes,
M'Lane,
M'Coy,
Marr,
Mason, *Mass.*
Mason, *R. I.*
Mercer,
Middleton,
Mills,
Morton,
Moseley,
Mumford,
Jer. Nelson,
T. M. Nelson,
Nesbitt,
New,
Orr,
Owen,
Pindall,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Poindexter,
Quarles,
Mr. Rice,
Ringgold,
Robertson, *Ken.*
Robertson, *Lou.*
Sampson,
Savage,
Scudder,
Settle,
Seybert,
Shaw,
Sherwood,
Simkins,
Slocumb,
Bal. Smith,
Alex. Smyth,
J. S. Smith,
Stewart, *N. C.*
Terrell,
Terry,
Trimble,
Tucker, *Va.*
Tucker, *S. C.*
Tyler,
Whitman,
Williams, *Con.*
Williams, *N. C.*
Wilson, *Mass.* 83

The question was then taken to agree to the resolution submitted in the report of the committee on the Public Lands;

And passed in the affirmative.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of the judges of the circuit court for the District of Columbia," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act providing for the sale of certain lands in the district of Marietta, and for the location of claims and sale of certain lands in the district of Vincennes," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army," were read and referred to the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to said officers and soldiers.

Ordered, That John Keemle have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 28, 1818.

Mr. Irvin, of New York, presented a petition of John Patrick, merchant of the city of New York, stating, that whilst his ship the Harriet, was on her voyage with a cargo of wine, from Tenneriffe to New York, she was compelled by stress of weather, to put into the British port of Nassau, in the island of New Providence, where he was compelled to abandon the Harriet, and charter a British vessel to transport said wines to New York, where it was charged with duties on wines imported in foreign vessels; and praying that the said wines may be placed on the same footing with respect to duties and drawbacks, as if it had arrived in the Harriet.

Mr. Kinsey presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of New Jersey, praying that additional duties may be imposed on iron imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a petition of Henry Waller, praying compensation for a house, and other property, destroyed by the British during the late war, in consequence of the said house being in the occupancy of a detachment of militia, in the service of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Westerlo presented a petition of Jabez Parsons, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed the commutation

of the half pay, to which he is entitled for services in the capacit aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry distillers, of the county of Lancaster, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that a part of the duties paid on their respective distilleries may be refunded, for reasons stated in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Charles S. Hempstead and others, heirs of Edward Hempstead, deceased, praying that their title to several tracts of land in the territory of Missouri may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the states of Ohio and Indiana, praying that an additional land office, for the disposal of the lands of the United States, may be established at the town of Greenville in the state of Ohio.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Edwards, from the committee on the Judiciary, made a report on the petition of Noah Brown and others, on behalf of the officers and crew of the brig *Warrior*, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the relief of Thomas Hall Jervey, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Calvin Barnes, and that he have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Sergeant submitted the following resolution which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled, That the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives, be authorized to close this session, by adjournment of their respective Houses, on ——— the ——— of March next.

The House again resolved itself in a committee of the whole, on the bill by which the right of citizenship may be relinquished; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the said bill with an amendment, to wit:

Strike out the 1st section thereof.

The said 1st section was read, and is as follows, viz:

"*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whensoever any citizen of the United States shall, by a declaration in writing, made and executed in the district court of the United States, within the state where he resides, in open court, to be by said court entered of record, declare that he relinquishes the character of a citizen, and shall depart out of the United States, such person shall, from the time of his departure, be considered as having exercised his right of expatriation, and shall thenceforth be considered no citizen.*"

The question was taken to concur with the committee of the whole in striking out the said section;

And passed in the affirmative. { Yeas.....70, Nays.....58.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Herbert,	Mr. Parrott,
Adams,	Hitchcock,	Pindall,
Allen, *Vt.*	Hogg,	Pleasants,
Baldwin,	Holmes, *Con.*	Porter,
Ball,	Huntington,	Reed,
Barbour, *Va.*	Lawyer,	Rice,
Bayley,	Livermore,	Richards,
Beecher,	Lowndes,	Ruggles,
Blount,	M'Lane,	Scudder,
Boss,	W. P. Maclay,	Sergeant,
Campbell,	Marr,	Sherwood,
Clagett,	Mason, *R. I.*	Slocumb,
Colston,	Merrill,	Alex. Smyth,
Cruger,	Middleton,	Stuart, *Md.*
Cushman,	Mills,	Tallmadge,
Darlington,	Moore,	Taylor,
Drake,	Morton,	Trimble,
Earle,	Mumford,	Wendover,
Edwards,	Jer. Nelson,	Whitman,
Ellicott,	H. Nelson,	Williams, *Con.*
Ervin, *S. C.*	Ogden,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Folger,	Ogle,	Wilkin,
Hall, *Del.*	Orr,	Wilson, *Mass.* 70
Hasbrouck,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Barber, *Ohio,*	Mr. Butler,	Mr. Fuller,
Bassett,	Cobb,	Garnett,
Bateman,	Comstock,	Harrison,
Bellinger,	Crafts,	Hendricks,
Bennett,	Desha,	Herkimer,
Boden,	Forsyth,	Herrick,

Mr. Hiester,	Mr. Quarles,	Mr. Southard,	
Holmes, *Mass.*	Rhea,	Speed,	
Hunter,	Rich,	Spencer,	
Irving, *N. Y.*	Ringgold,	Stewart, *N. C.*	
Johnson, *Va.*	Robertson, *Ken.*	Strother,	
Jones,	Robertson, *Lou.*	Tarr,	
Kinsey,	Sampson,	Terrell,	
W. Maclay,	Savage,	Tompkins,	
M'Coy,	Sawyer	Tucker, *S. C.*	
Murray,	Seybert,	Tyler,	
T. M. Nelson,	Shaw,	Walker, *Ken.*	
Nesbitt,	Silsbee,	Whiteside,	
Newton,	Bal. Smith,	Wilson, *Pen.*	58
Patterson,			

The question was then stated: Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? When,

Mr. Johnson, of Virginia, moved to lay it on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, March 2, 1818.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Jane Parke, widow, and William C. Parke, sole heir of Matthew Parke, deceased, a captain of marines on board the frigate Alliance, in the revolutionary war, and of William Earl, sailor on board of said frigate, praying to be allowed and paid their proportion of prize money on account of certain vessels captured by said frigate during said war, which were carried into a Danish port, where they were delivered up to their original owners, by the order of the government of Denmark.

Mr. Sherwood presented a petition of Peter Bradley, a captain in the army during the late war, praying to be paid the amount due him for services and disbursements, in the capacity aforesaid.

Mr. Westerlo presented a petition of John R. Williams, praying compensation for property pillaged from him by American soldiers in the late war.

Mr. Simkins presented a petition of John Hamilton, stating, that whilst a soldier in the army, in the late war, he became so disabled as to be unfit for service, and unable to obtain a support by labor, and praying relief.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Samuel H. Garrow, praying compensation for a vessel impressed into the military service of the United States, and captured by the British, during the late war, whilst in said service.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of North Carolina,

Ordered, That the petition of James Doyle, presented on the 26th December, 1811, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a petition of Frederick Sammons, praying compensation for services as a soldier in the revolutionary army, and for a pension.

The Speaker presented a petition of Margaret Edmonston, widow of John Edmonston, deceased, who was killed at the river Raisin, in the late war, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted her.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Kinsey presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of cotton goods, and others, inhabitants of the town of Patterson, in the state of New Jersey, praying that such measures may be adopted, as will afford to them that support and encouragement, so necessary to the continuance of their operations.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and manufactures.

Mr. Pawling presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Bucks county, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Desha presented a petition of William Henry, on behalf of himself and the individuals, composing two volunteer companies of cavalry, in the Mississippi territory, commanded by himself and captain Wells, praying compensation for the services of said companies, and for the use of their horses, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker presented a memorial of the general assembly of the state of Kentucky, on the subject of the boundary line between that state and the state of Tennessee, praying for the passage of an act directing the proceedings in the supreme court of the United States, by which one state having a subject of difference with another, may have the same legally decided.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of sundry ancient French inhabitants of the territory of Louisiana, praying that an act may be passed, recognizing and authenticating all the acts and judicial proceedings of the former governments of that country.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of the general assembly of the state of Louisiana, praying that the titles to lands, generally, in that part of the said state, formerly comprised within the province of West Florida, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Scott presented two petitions of James Mackay, praying that his titles to lands in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, in obedience to a resolution of the 28th February, 1817, requiring him to report, whether any, and if any, what alterations or modifications, are required to be made in the several acts fixing the emoluments of the collectors of the customs, naval officers, and surveyors; which was referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a report of the Secretary of the Navy on the petition of Charles Van Dyke, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of the names of persons who have received public money for paying the troops in service, during the late war, and who have failed to render their accounts, in obedience to a resolution of the 18th ultimo, which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from Richard Bland Lee, Commissioner of Claims, transmitting reports of the facts in one hundred and three cases, all of the state of New York, with the evidence accompanying each, taken under a second commission, attended by a special agent on the part of the United States.

Ordered, That the said letter, reports of facts, and accompanying evidence, be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Stephen Clapp, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea also made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Porter, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole, on Thursday next.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the cases of captain John Cowen, of captain Archibald W. Hamilton, and of Tobias E. Stansbury, Jun. and William Stansbury, which were severally read and referred to the committee of the whole: the first on Thursday next, the second on Friday next, and the last on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Nimrod Woodward, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Sherwood,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Williams, *Con.*
Slocumb,	Upham,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Alex. Smyth,	Walker, *N. C.*	Williams, *N. C.*
Stuart, *Md.*	Westerlo,	Wilkin,
Tallmadge,	Whitman,	Wilson, *Mass.* 75
Taylor,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hale,	Mr. Rich,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Hall, *N. C.*	Ringgold,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Harrison,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Ball,	Hendricks,	Robertson, *Lou.*
Barbour, *Va.*	Herkimer,	Sampson,
Barber, *Ohio,*	Herrick,	Savage,
Bassett,	Hogg,	Seybert,
Bellinger,	Holmes, *Mass.*	Shaw,
Bennett,	Hunter,	Silsbee,
Blount,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Simkins,
Boden,	Johnson, *Va.*	Bal. Smith,
Bryan,	Johnson, *Ken.*	J. S. Smith,
Burwell,	Jones,	Southard,
Butler,	Kinsey,	Speed,
Campbell,	Little,	Spencer,
Claiborne,	W. Maclay,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Cobb,	M'Coy,	Strother,
Comstock,	Marr,	Tarr,
Cook,	Moore,	Terrell,
Crafts,	Murray,	Tompkins,
Crawford,	T. M. Nelson,	Townsend,
Desha,	Nesbitt,	Trimble,
Edwards,	New,	Tucker, *Va.*
Ervin, *S. C.*	Newton,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Floyd,	Owen,	Tyler,
Forney,	Patterson,	Walker, *Ken.*
Forsyth,	Pleasants,	Wendover,
Fuller,	Quarles,	Whiteside,
Gage,	Rhea,	Wilson, *Pen.* 86
Garnett,		

A motion was then made by Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, to amend the said amendment, by striking out the word *enacted*, where it first occurs, and to insert *declared*; and to strike out the words "*enacted and*" in the succeeding line; which was rejected by the House.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Johnson;

And determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, further to amend the said bill by striking out the 3d section except the enacting clause, and inserting the following, viz:

"That in all prosecutions which may hereafter be instituted against any person for having engaged in military, or naval service, for, or against any foreign power, when without the jurisdiction of the United States, who, before the commission of the fact with which he may stand charged, shall have been a citizen of the United States, but shall have exercised his right of expatriation, by becoming the citizen or subject of any foreign state or community by adoption, it shall be lawful for such person to give such fact of expatriation in evidence, upon the general issue, and if upon the trial of such person so charged as aforesaid, he shall prove such fact to the satisfaction of the jury, he shall be discharged from such prosecution."

The said amendment being read, was ordered to lie on the table.

Several messages, in writing, were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary.

The first of the said messages is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

The Commissioners of the two governments, under the 4th article of the treaty of Ghent, having come to a decision upon the questions submitted to them, I lay before Congress copies of that decision, together with copies of the declaration, signed and reported by the Commissioners, to this government.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, February 25, 1818.

The second message is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I lay before the House, a report from the Secretary of State, together with the papers relating to the claims of merchants of the United States, upon the government of Naples, in conformity with the resolution of the House, of the 30th January last.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, February 28, 1818.

The third message is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate herewith to the House of Representatives, a copy of a letter from the governor of the state of South Carolina, to the Secretary of State, together with extracts from the journals of proceedings, in both branches of the legislature of that commonwealth, relative to a proposed amendment of the Constitution; which letter

and extracts are connected with the subject of my communication to the House, of the 6th instant.

JAMES MONROE.

February 27, 1818.

The said messages were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the governor of the state of Maryland, transmitting a resolution of the general assembly of that state, respecting the selection and appropriation of a site for the monument to the memory of major general *the baron De Kalb*, ordered to be erected by a resolution of Congress of the 14th October, 1780.

The said resolution was read, and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 3, 1818.

On motion of Mr. Folger,

Ordered, That the petition of Eleazer Nickerson, presented the 25th March, 1816, be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Ruggles presented a petition of Samuel Burr, praying payment of certain Loan Office certificates, issued in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Mason, of Rhode Island, presented a petition of [illegible] Allen, praying for a reimbursement of the moneys advanced for the public service, while an officer in the revolutionary army, and that he may be allowed and paid the depreciation and commutation of half pay to which he conceives himself entitled in consideration of his services aforesaid.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of [illegible] bury, and others, daughters and only surviving children of Hughes, deceased, a quartermaster general in the revolutionary army, praying that the accounts of the said Hughes may be settled, and that they may be allowed for advances of money to be made for the public use, as also, compensation for his services.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of the District of Columbia, on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of [illegible] inhabitants of the counties of Hancock and Washington, in the district of Maine, praying for the establishment of a mail route.

Mr. Floyd presented a petition of [illegible] state of Virginia, also praying for a mail route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of sundry merchants, ship owners, and other inhabitants of Rochester, on Genesee river, in the state of New York, praying that the acts relating to the entrance and clearance of vessels on the lakes, may be revised and amended, and that lighthouses may be erected on certain points on lake Ontario.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Ogden presented a petition of Richard M. Esselstyn, praying compensation for a quantity of staves and lumber, and other property, destroyed by the army under the command of general Wilkinson, on the northern frontier, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of Robert Bay, James Clark, C. Deardorff, George Rummel, Christian Espich, and *Jacob* Espich, praying compensation for their services as officers of *millitia*, in the service of the United States, in the late war.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Lewis H. Guerlain, a petition of Franis B. Languille, and a petition of John Rodriguez; respectively praying compensation for damages commit- on their plantations by the American army, during the military operations in the neighborood of the city of New Orleans, near the close of the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the government of the United States will promptly and effectually interpose its power, to effect the liberation of Richard W. Meade, an American citizen, who is confined in prison in Spain, by order of the government of that country, contrary to the laws of nations, and without any just cause, as the petitioners allege.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the 12th ultimo, on a resolution concerning the conduct of Spain in relation to Mr. Meade.

Mr. Little presented a petition of Thomas Cross, brother and heir at law of Middleton Cross, deceased, late a soldier in the army of the United States, praying to be allowed the pay and bounty to which the deceased was entitled, in virtue of his enlistment; which is refused at the War Department, because of the death of the said Middleton, before he had been *mustered* in the corps to which he belonged.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of John Bellinger, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be *rejected.*

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the petition of captain Giles Kellogg, on behalf of himself and others, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Isaac Hodgdon, and that he have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of Daniel Manley, which was read and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the same committee, on the petition of Taylor & Walker.

Mr. Lowndes, from the same committee, also made a report on the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of repealing the duty on salt, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Thomas Lewis, and that it be referred to the committee appointed on a petition of sundry merchants of Philadelphia, upon the subject of spoliations upon the commerce of the United States, by French cruizers, previous to the year 1800.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means be also discharged from the further consideration of so much of the petition of Eli Hart, as pray indemnity for losses, and that it be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Charles Smith, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Southard, from the committee on Indian Affairs, made a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Missouri, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Herbert, from the committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill to incorporate a company to build a bridge over the Eastern Branch of Potomac, from the southern termination of Eleventh street, east, in the city of Washington; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted on the 28th ultimo, by Mr. Sergeant, fixing the time for the adjournment of the present session of Congress.

The said resolution was read the second time; when,

Mr. Sergeant moved to fill up the blank with *Tuesday, the 31st.*

Mr. Harrison moved that the said resolution be postponed until the first of April next; when,

Mr. Pitkin moved that it lie on the table.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Harrison;

And also determined in the negative.

Mr. Herrick then moved to fill the said blank with the words *20th of April next.*

This motion was also rejected by the House.

The said resolution was then ordered to lie on the table; and,

Mr. Taylor submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a joint committee of both Houses, be appointed to consider and report, when the present session of Congress may be terminated.

The said resolution was read twice, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be, "A resolution respecting an adjournment of the 1st session of the 15th Congress."

Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Pleasants, were appointed of the said committee, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith:

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of the general assembly of Maryland, respecting the monument ordered to be erected to the memory of major general, the baron De Kalb.

Mr. Reed submitted the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, a resolution was passed by the Congress of the United States, on the 14th day of October, 1780, in the following words, to wit:

"Resolved, That a monument be erected to the memory of the late major general the baron de Kalb, in the city of Annapolis, in the state of Maryland, with the following inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of THE BARON DE KALB, Knight of the royal order of military merit, Brigadier of the armies of France, and Major General in the service of the United States of America; having served with honor and reputation for three years, he gave a last and glorious proof of his attachment to the liberties of mankind, and the cause of America, in the action near Campden, in the state of South Carolina, on the 16th of August, 1780, when leading on the troops of the Maryland and Delaware lines, against superior numbers, and animating by his example, to deeds of valour, he was pierced with many wounds, and on the 19th following, expired, in

the 48th year of his age. The Congress of the United States of America, in gratitude to his zeal, services, and merit, have erected this monument."

Resolved, therefore, That the aforegoing resolution be referred to a select committee with instruction to report a bill to carry the same into effect.

The question was taken, will the House *now* consider the said resolution?

And determined in the negative.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the payment of certain militia claims of the state of Georgia; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the same with an amendment.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 4, 1818.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of John Rollins, praying compensation for losses and damages sustained by him in the capture of his vessel by a French cruiser, in the year 1800, in violation of the provisions of the treaty between the United States and France.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Reed,

Ordered, That the petition of James Orr, presented on the 8th January, 1817, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Bateman presented a petition of Daniel Pettibone, praying that he may be employed to erect in the rooms of the Capitol, his patent improvement in the economy of fuel, and the distribution of heat.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on so much of the President's message as relates to the Public Buildings.

Mr. Herbert presented documents in support of the petition of Ambrose Vasse.

Ordered, That the said documents be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Scott presented a third petition of James Mackay, praying that his title to a tract of land in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Ordered, That the petition of James C. Wingard, presented on the 16th December, 1816, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made reports on the petitions of Robert Purdy, and Greenbury Griffin, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Robert Purdy be *rejected*, and that Greenbury Griffin have leave to *withdraw* his petition and documents.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, made reports on the petitions of Alexander M'Nish, and Joseph Harris, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of captain Samuel C. Reed, on behalf of the officers and crew of the private armed brig *General Armstrong*, which was read; when,

Mr. Pleasants reported a bill, authorizing a sum of money to be distributed among the officers and crew of the said late private armed brig, the General Armstrong, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a copy of the proceedings of the court martial, and of the memorial of the midshipmen and other officers, called for by the resolution of this House of the 26th ultimo; which was referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill by which the right of citizenship may be relinquished; and the question recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Robertson, and depending on the 2d instant; when,

A motion was made by Mr. Forsyth to amend the said amendment by inserting between the word *by* and the word *becoming*, these words: "*recording in the office of the clerk of some one of the district courts of the United States, a declaration that such is his intention twelve months prior to.*"

The question was taken to agree to this amendment;

And determined in the negative.

The said amendment was then amended; and

Mr. Terry moved further to amend the same by striking out the words *for, or*, where they first occur; which was rejected by the House.

Mr. Mercer moved further to amend the said amendment, by inserting after the words "*United States,*" the following words, viz: "*and not in hostility against the said states.*"

And the question being taken thereon;

It passed in the affirmative.

The said amendment was then further amended, to read as follows:

"That in all prosecutions which may hereafter be instituted against any person for having engaged in military or naval service, for, or against any foreign power, when without the jurisdiction of the United States, and not in hostility against the said states, who, before the commission of the fact with which he may stand charged, shall have bona fide and voluntarily become the citizen or subject of any foreign state, while within its jurisdiction, it shall be lawful for such person to give the fact of his having been naturalized by some foreign state, in evidence upon the general issue; and if, upon the trial of such person so charged, as aforesaid, he shall prove such fact to the satisfaction of the jury, he shall be discharged from such prosecution."

The question was taken to agree to the said amendment as above recited;

And passed in the affirmative. { Yeas.....98, Nays.....61.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Mumford,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Fuller,	Murray,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Gage,	H. Nelson,
Ball,	Garnett,	T. M. Nelson,
Barbour, *Va.*	Hale,	Nesbitt,
Barber, *Ohio*,	Hall, *N. C.*	New,
Bassett,	Harrison,	Ogle,
Bateman,	Hendricks,	Owen,
Bayley,	Herbert,	Parrott,
Bellinger,	Herrick,	Patterson,
Bloomfield,	Hiester,	Pleasants,
Blount,	Hitchcock,	Quarles,
Boden,	Holmes, *Mass.*	Richards,
Burwell,	Hunter,	Ringgold,
Butler,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Robertson, *Ken.*
Campbell,	Jones,	Sampson,
Claiborne,	Kinsey,	Savage,
Cobb,	Kirtland,	Sawyer,
Cook,	Lawyer,	Silsbee,
Crafts,	Linn,	Simkins,
Crawford,	Little,	Alex. Smyth,
Cruger,	Lowndes,	J. S. Smith,
Desha,	W. Maclay,	Speed,
Earle,	W. P. Maclay,	Spencer,
Edwards,	Marr,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Ervin, *S. C.*	Mercer,	Tarr,
Floyd,	Moore,	Terrell,
Forney,	Morton,	Trimble,

Mr. Tucker, *Va.*	Mr. Upham,	Mr. Whiteside,	
Tucker, *S. C.*	Walker, *N. C.*	Williams, *N. C.*	
Tyler,	Walker, *Ken.*	Wilson, *Pen.*	98

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Livermore,	Mr. Ruggles,	
Allen, *Vt.*	M'Lane,	Schuyler,	
Austin,	M'Coy,	Scudder,	
Baldwin,	Mason, *Mass.*	Sergeant,	
Beecher,	Merrill,	Seybert,	
Boss,	Middleton,	Sherwood,	
Clagett,	Mills,	Slocumb,	
Colston,	Moseley,	Bal. Smith,	
Comstock,	Jer. Nelson,	Stuart, *Md.*	
Cushman,	Ogden,	Tallmadge,	
Darlington,	Orr,	Taylor,	
Drake,	Palmer,	Terry,	
Ellicott,	Pawling,	Tompkins,	
Folger,	Pindall,	Wendover,	
Hall, *Del.*	Pitkin,	Westerlo,	
Hasbrouck,	Reed,	Whitman,	
Hogg,	Rhea,	Williams, *Con.*	
Holmes, *Con.*	Rice,	Williams, *N. Y.*	
Hopkinson,	Rich,	Wilkin,	
Hubbard,	Robertson, *Lou.*	Wilson, *Mass.*	61
Huntington,			

A motion was then made by Mr. Lowndes to reconsider the vote on an amendment proposed by Mr. Mercer to insert in the said amendment of Mr. Robertson, the words *and not in hostility against the said states*;

And on the question to reconsider;

It passed in the affirmative.

The question was then again taken to insert the said words;

And determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, to add to the said bill, the following section:

"*That any person who shall have exercised his right of expatriation, and shall have become the subject or citizen of any foreign state, shall not again become a citizen of the United States;*"

And on the question to agree to the said section;

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken, shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And determined in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment reported by the committee of the whole, to the bill authorizing the payment of certain militia claims of the state of Georgia, and the said amendment being read, was disagreed to.

A motion was then made by Mr. Cobb, to fill the blank in the bill, with 140,000 dollars.

Which was rejected by the House.

Mr. Taylor then moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in negative, { Yeas.....54, Nays.....64.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Allen, *Vt.*	Mr. Irving, *N. Y.*	Mr Richards,
Bateman,	Kirtland,	Ringgold,
Bayley,	Lawyer,	Sampson,
Bennett,	Linn,	Savage,
Boss,	Little,	Scudder,
Butler,	Livermore,	Seybert,
Clagett,	W. Maclay,	Slocumb,
Comstock,	W. P. Maclay,	Bal. Smith,
Crafts,	M'Coy,	Spencer,
Drake,	Merrill,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Folger,	Morton,	Tallmadge,
Gage,	Mumford,	Taylor,
Hall, *Del.*	Palmer,	Tompkins,
Hasbrouck,	Pawling,	Upham,
Hogg,	Pitkin,	Wendover,
Holmes, *Con.*	Porter,	Westerlo,
Hubbard,	Rice,	Williams, *Con.*
Hunter,	Rich,	Williams, *N. Y.* 54

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Edwards,	Mr. M'Lane,
Adams,	Ellicott,	Mason, *Mass.*
Anderson, *Pen.*	Floyd,	Mercer,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Forney,	Middleton,
Austin,	Forsyth,	Mills,
Baldwin,	Garnett,	Moseley,
Ball,	Hall, *N. C.*	Murray,
Barbour, *Va.*	Harrison,	Jer. Nelson,
Bassett,	Hendricks,	H. Nelson,
Bellinger,	Herbert,	T. M. Nelson,
Bloomfield,	Herrick,	Nesbitt,
Campbell,	Hitchcock,	Orr,
Claiborne,	Holmes, *Mass.*	Owen,
Cobb,	Hopkinson,	Parrott,
Colston,	Huntington,	Patterson,
Cook,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Pindall,
Crawford,	Kinsey,	Pleasants,
Darlington,	Lowndes,	Reed,

Mr. Rhea,	Mr. Simkins,	Mr. Tucker, *Va.*	
Robertson, *Ken.*	Speed,	Tucker, *S. C.*	
Ruggles,	Terrell,	Wilson, *Mass.*	64
Sergeant,			

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 5, 1818.

Mr. Moseley presented a petition of John G. Brown, praying that an appropriation may be made and paid to him of the amount of a forfeiture which he incurred and paid into the Treasury, and which was afterwards remitted by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr, Scott presented a petition of Joseph V. Garnier, praying compensation for his services, as clerk of the court of the United States, in the territory of Missouri, as also for his services as clerk to the board of land commissioners, in said territory, in the year 1806.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Forney presented a petition of William King, late an officer in the army of the United States, praying that some provision may be made for the settlement of his accounts, which he is at present unable to do, as all his vouchers fell into the hands of the British, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of Samuel Acre, praying that his title to a lot of land in the town of Mobile, in the territory of Alabama, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill supplementary to the several acts relative to direct taxes and internal duties, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of the judges of the circuit court for the District of Columbia," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Nelson, from the same committee, who were instructed on the 22d December last, to inquire whether the funds of the district court of New York, have been faithfully applied, made a report thereon, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nelson reported a bill respecting the district courts of the United States, within the state of New York, which was read the first time.

Mr. Nelson also made a report on the petition of James Ferguson, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner *cannot* be granted.

Ordered, That the committee on so much of the President's message as relates to the Public Buildings, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Pettibone, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that he have leave to *withdraw* the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the resolution "directing the judges of the supreme court to be furnished with Waits' state papers," as also, the resolution "respecting an adjournment of the first session of the 15th Congress."

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to the surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary Army, to which was referred the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill entitled "An act to provide for certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army," reported the same with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House.

The first part of the first section of the said bill, as proposed to be amended by the Senate, is as follows:

That every commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer, musician, and private soldier, who served in the war of the revolution until the end thereof, or for a term of nine months, or longer, at any period of the war *on the continental establishment*, and every commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer, mariner or marine, who served at the same time, and for a like term, in the naval service of the United States, who is yet a resident citizen of the United States, is, or hereafter, by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, shall be in need of assistance from his country for support, and shall have substantiated his claim to a pension in the manner hereinafter directed, shall receive a pension from the United States.

A motion was made by Mr. Edwards, further to amend the said amendment by striking out the words *on the continental establishment.*

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....60, Nays.....93.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Barbour, *Va.*	Mr. Bryan,
Austin,	Blount,	Burwell,
Ball,	Boden,	Claiborne,

Mr. Cobb,	Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Settle,
Cook,	Merrill,	Simkins,
Crawford,	Mills,	Slocumb,
Desha,	Mumford,	Bal. Smith,
Edwards,	H. Nelson,	Alex. Smyth,
Floyd,	Nesbitt,	Speed,
Forney,	New,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Garnett,	Orr,	Strong,
Hall, *N. C.*	Owen,	Strother,
Hogg,	Pindall,	Tarr,
Hunter,	Pitkin,	Taylor,
Johnson, *Va.*	Pleasants,	Terrell,
Johnson, *Ken.*	Porter,	Trimble,
Jones,	Quarles,	Tucker, *Va.*
Little,	Reed,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Marr,	Ringgold,	Walker, *N. C.*
Mason, *R. I.*	Sampson,	Williams, *Con.* 60

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hasbrouck,	Mr. Rhea,
Allen, *Mass.*	Hendricks,	Rice,
Allen, *Vt.*	Herkimer,	Rich,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Herrick,	Richards,
Baldwin,	Hitchcock,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Barber, *Ohio,*	Holmes, *Mass.*	Ruggles,
Bassett,	Holmes, *Con.*	Savage,
Bateman,	Hopkinson,	Sawyer,
Bayley,	Hubbard,	Scudder,
Beecher,	Huntington,	Sergeant,
Bellinger,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Seybert,
Bennett,	Kinsey,	Shaw,
Bloomfield,	Kirtland,	Sherwood,
Boss,	Lawyer,	Silsbee,
Butler,	Linn,	J. S. Smith,
Campbell,	M'Lane,	Southard,
Clagett,	W. Maclay,	Spencer,
Colston,	W. P. Maclay,	Stuart, *Md.*
Crafts,	M'Coy,	Tallmadge,
Cruger,	Mason, *Mass.*	Terry,
Cushman,	Middleton,	Tompkins,
Darlington,	Moore,	Townsend,
Drake,	Morton,	Tyler,
Earle,	Moseley,	Upham,
Ellicott,	Murray,	Wallace,
Folger,	Jer. Nelson,	Wendover,
Forsyth,	Ogle,	Westerlo,
Fuller,	Palmer,	Whiteside,
Gage,	Parrott,	Whitman,
Hale,	Patterson,	Wilkin,
Hall, *Del.*	Pawling,	Wilson, *Pen.* 93

A motion was made by Mr. M'Coy, further to amend the said amendment by striking out *nine months*, and inserting *three years;* which motion was also rejected by the House.

Mr. Austin moved to amend the second section of the amendments proposed by the Senate, by inserting after the words *common enemy*, at the end of the 13th line of the said second section of the amendments, these words: *and who is in reduced circumstances in life;* which motion was rejected by the House.

The said amendments were then amended at the Clerk's table;

And on the question to concur therein as amended;

It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resumed the consideration of the bill for the payment of certain militia claims of the state of Georgia.

And the said bill being amended;

Mr. Cobb moved further to amend the same by filling the blank therein, with the sum of $109,130 65;

And the question being taken thereon;

It passed in the affirmative.

The question was then taken, shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And determined in the negative. { Yeas.....70, Nays.....90.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Forney,	Mr. H. Nelson,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Forsyth,	T. M. Nelson,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Garnett,	Nesbitt,
Austin,	Hall, *N. C.*	New,
Baldwin,	Harrison,	Orr,
Ball,	Hendricks,	Owen,
Barbour, *Va.*	Herrick,	Parrott,
Bassett,	Hitchcock,	Peter,
Bellinger,	Holmes, *Mass.*	Pindall,
Bloomfield,	Huntington,	Pleasants,
Boden,	Johnson, *Va.*	Quarles,
Campbell,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Reed,
Claiborne,	Kinsey,	Ringgold,
Cobb,	Lowndes,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Colston,	M'Lane,	Robertson, *Lou.*
Cook,	Mason, *Mass.*	Ruggles,
Crawford,	Mercer,	Simkins,
Earle,	Middleton,	Alex. Smyth,
Edwards,	Mills,	Strother,
Ellicott,	Murray,	Terrell,
Ervin, *S. C.*	Jer. Nelson,	Tucker, *Va.*

Mr. Tucker, *S. C.*	Mr. Walker, *Ken.*	Mr. Williams, *N. C.*	
Tyler,	Whitman,	Wilkin.	70
Walker, *N. C.*			

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Allen, *Vt.*	Mr. Hubbard,	Mr. Schuyler,	
Barber, *Ohio,*	Hunter,	Scudder,	
Bateman,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Sergeant,	
Bayley,	Jones,	Settle,	
Beecher,	Kirtland,	Seybert,	
Bennett,	Lawyer,	Shaw,	
Blount,	Linn,	Sherwood,	
Boss,	Little,	Silsbee,	
Bryan,	Livermore,	Slocumb,	
Burwell,	W. Maclay,	Bal. Smith,	
Butler,	W. P. Maclay,	J. S. Smith,	
Clagett,	M'Coy,	Southard,	
Comstock,	Marr,	Speed,	
Crafts,	Mason, *R. I.*	Spencer,	
Cruger,	Merrill,	Stewart, *N. C.*	
Cushman,	Moore,	Tallmadge,	
Darlington,	Morton,	Tarr,	
Desha,	Mumford,	Taylor,	
Drake,	Palmer,	Terry,	
Folger	Patterson,	Tompkins,	
Fuller,	Pawling,	Townsend,	
Gage,	Pitkin,	Trimble,	
Hale,	Porter,	Upham,	
Hall, *Del.*	Rhea,	Wallace,	
Hasbrouck,	Rice,	Wendover,	
Herkimer,	Rich,	Westerlo,	
Hiester,	Richards,	Whiteside,	
Hogg,	Sampson,	Williams, *Con.*	
Holmes, *Con.*	Savage,	Williams, *N. Y.*	
Hopkinson,	Sawyer,	Wilson, *Pen.*	90

And so the said bill was rejected.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 6, 1818.

Mr. Butler presented a petition of John Stark, a major general in the revolutionary army, representing his necessitous circumstances, and praying that the bounty of the national government may be extended to him in the decline of his days, in consideration of his faithful services in the defence of his country; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Butler, Mr. Rich, Mr. Anderson, of Kentucky, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Livermore, Mr. Hopkinson, and Mr. Mills, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Morton presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of tacks and brads, praying that a duty of ten cents per pound may be imposed on those articles imported into the United States.

Mr. Kinsey presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Patterson and its vicinity, in the state of New Jersey, praying that additional duties may be imposed on rolled iron, and cut nails imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Pawling presented a petition of John Brickel, praying for the remission of a part of the duties imposed on the distillery of a certain John Hain, for which the petitioner is bound as surety, as the said distillery was seized and sold under an execution against said Hain, before the expiration of the license, and the purchaser refused to received a transfer thereof.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Johnson of Kentucky, presented a petition of Henry Roberts, praying compensation for services as an officer in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of the general assembly of the state of Ohio, praying that a road may be laid out and made, at the expense of the United States, from the settlements in the said state, to those in the territory of Michigan, previous to the sale of the land through which said road may be made.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Thomas H. Baird and others, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to alter the time of holding the circuit court in the southern district of New York, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Nelson also reported a bill altering the time for holding a session of the district court in the District of Maine; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of John King, and Joseph Shankland, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be *rejected*.

Mr. Cobb,	Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Settle,
Cook,	Merrill,	Simkins,
Crawford,	Mills,	Slocumb,
Desha,	Mumford,	Bal. Smith,
Edwards,	H. Nelson,	Alex. Smyth,
Floyd,	Nesbitt,	Speed,
Forney,	New,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Garnett,	Orr,	Strong,
Hall, *N. C.*	Owen,	Strother,
Hogg,	Pindall,	Tarr,
Hunter,	Pitkin,	Taylor,
Johnson, *Va.*	Pleasants,	Terrell,
Johnson, *Ken.*	Porter,	Trimble,
Jones,	Quarles,	Tucker, *Va.*
Little,	Reed,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Marr,	Ringgold,	Walker, *N. C.*
Mason, *R. I.*	Sampson,	Williams, *Con.* 60

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hasbrouck,	Mr. Rhea,
Allen, *Mass.*	Hendricks,	Rice,
Allen, *Vt.*	Herkimer,	Rich,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Herrick,	Richards,
Baldwin,	Hitchcock,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Barber, *Ohio,*	Holmes, *Mass.*	Ruggles,
Bassett,	Holmes, *Con.*	Savage,
Bateman,	Hopkinson,	Sawyer,
Bayley,	Hubbard,	Scudder,
Beecher,	Huntington,	Sergeant,
Bellinger,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Seybert,
Bennett,	Kinsey,	Shaw,
Bloomfield,	Kirtland,	Sherwood,
Boss,	Lawyer,	Silsbee,
Butler,	Linn,	J. S. Smith,
Campbell,	M'Lane,	Southard,
Clagett,	W. Maclay,	Spencer,
Colston,	W. P. Maclay,	Stuart, *Md.*
Crafts,	M'Coy,	Tallmadge,
Cruger,	Mason, *Mass.*	Terry,
Cushman,	Middleton,	Tompkins,
Darlington,	Moore,	Townsend,
Drake,	Morton,	Tyler,
Earle,	Moseley,	Upham,
Ellicott,	Murray,	Wallace,
Folger,	Jer. Nelson,	Wendover,
Forsyth,	Ogle,	Westerlo,
Fuller,	Palmer,	Whiteside,
Gage,	Parrott,	Whitman,
Hale,	Patterson,	Wilkin,
Hall, *Del.*	Pawling,	Wilson, *Pen.* 93

A motion was made by Mr. M'Coy, further to amend the said amendment by striking out *nine months*, and inserting *three years;* which motion was also rejected by the House.

Mr. Austin moved to amend the second section of the amendments proposed by the Senate, by inserting after the words *common enemy*, at the end of the 13th line of the said second section of the amendments, these words: *and who is in reduced circumstances in life;* which motion was rejected by the House.

The said amendments were then amended at the Clerk's table;

And on the question to concur therein as amended;

It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resumed the consideration of the bill for the payment of certain militia claims of the state of Georgia.

And the said bill being amended;

Mr. Cobb moved further to amend the same by filling the blank therein, with the sum of $109,130 65;

And the question being taken thereon;

It passed in the affirmative.

The question was then taken, shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And determined in the negative. { Yeas.....70, Nays.....90.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Forney,	Mr. H. Nelson,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Forsyth,	T. M. Nelson,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Garnett,	Nesbitt,
Austin,	Hall, *N. C.*	New,
Baldwin,	Harrison,	Orr,
Ball,	Hendricks,	Owen,
Barbour, *Va.*	Herrick,	Parrott,
Bassett,	Hitchcock,	Peter,
Bellinger,	Holmes, *Mass.*	Pindall,
Bloomfield,	Huntington,	Pleasants,
Boden,	Johnson, *Va.*	Quarles,
Campbell,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Reed,
Claiborne,	Kinsey,	Ringgold,
Cobb,	Lowndes,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Colston,	M'Lane,	Robertson, *Lou.*
Cook,	Mason, *Mass.*	Ruggles,
Crawford,	Mercer,	Simkins,
Earle,	Middleton,	Alex. Smyth,
Edwards,	Mills,	Strother,
Ellicott,	Murray,	Terrell,
Ervin, *S. C.*	Jer. Nelson,	Tucker, *Va.*

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of looking glasses in frames, and carvers and gilders on wood, in Boston, praying for a reduction of the duties on tinfoil and whiting, and for an increase of duty on imported looking glasses in frames, and carving and gilding on wood, generally.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Hogg presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Jackson county, in Tennessee, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Marr presented a petition of Thomas Johnson, and Michael Dickson, commissioners for surveying and laying out a road from Reynoldsburg, in Tennessee, to intersect the Natchez road, in the Chickasaw nation of Indians, praying that their surveyor, chain carriers, and other persons, may be paid by the general government.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Sergeant, from the joint committee appointed on the subject, reported the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, be authorized to terminate the present session, by adjournment of their respective Houses, on Monday, the 13th of April next.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, on Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of Lambert Robinson, presented on the 9th December, 1816.

On motion of Desha,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Paris, by North Middletown, to Owingsville, in the state of Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Morton,

Resolved, That the committee on so much of the President's message as relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for constructing a navigable canal, to unite the waters of Massachusett's Bay, with the waters of Narragansett Bay, and Long Island Sound, by Taunton river.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending for five years, to the widow and infant children of John Paulding, deceased, one of the incorruptible captors of major Andre, the an-

Mr. Morton presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of tacks and brads, praying that a duty of ten cents per pound may be imposed on those articles imported into the United States.

Mr. Kinsey presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Patterson and its vicinity, in the state of New Jersey, praying that additional duties may be imposed on rolled iron, and cut nails imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Pawling presented a petition of John Brickel, praying for the remission of a part of the duties imposed on the distillery of a certain John Hain, for which the petitioner is bound as surety, as the said distillery was seized and sold under an execution against said Hain, before the expiration of the license, and the purchaser refused to received a transfer thereof.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Johnson of Kentucky, presented a petition of Henry Roberts, praying compensation for services as an officer in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of the general assembly of the state of Ohio, praying that a road may be laid out and made, at the expense of the United States, from the settlements in the said state, to those in the territory of Michigan, previous to the sale of the land through which said road may be made.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Thomas H. Baird and others, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to alter the time of holding the circuit court in the southern district of New York, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Nelson also reported a bill altering the time for holding a session of the district court in the District of Maine; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of John King, and Joseph Shankland, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be *rejected*.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Phebe Moore, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the case of William Henderson, transmitted to this House by the Commissioner of Claims, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of John Hamilton, and John Heddinger, and that they be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs, be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of Samuel Jackson, and Brintnel Robbins, and that the former be referred to the committee on the Public Lands, and the latter to the Secretary of War.

On motion of Mr. Tucker, of Virginia,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the proper accounting officers of the War Department to credit and settle the accounts of Harold Smyth, late a captain by brevet in the army of the United States, and quartermaster at fort M'Henry, in such manner, and upon such terms, as shall be equitable and just.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from the city of Raleigh, in North Carolina, by Delks, to Hillsborough.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing in some convenient situation in one of the western states, a branch of the General Post Office, for the purpose of making contracts for the conveyance of the mail, and to correct abuses in that Department.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for allowing to any person or persons, who will purchase any portion of the public lands, not less than one entire township, at two dollars an acre, bearing interest from the date of the purchase, an extended credit, beyond the time allowed to purchasers under the existing laws.

Mr. Claiborne submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House, a statement of the expenses incurred under the 4th, 6th, and 7th articles of the treaty of Ghent, specifying the items of expenditure in relation to each.

A motion was made by Mr. Reed, that the House do *now* proceed to the consideration of the resolution submitted by him on the 4th instant, in relation to the erection of the monument to be erected to the memory of the late major general *The Baron de Kalb.*

And the question being taken thereon;

It was *again* determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Marr,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of causing the public mail which passes through Columbia, in Tennessee, to Natchez, in the state of Mississippi, to be carried on the new military road, croossing the Tennessee river, near the mouth of Cypress.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road between Elizabethtown and Bowling Green, in Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the committee on so much of the President's message as relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to subscribe in behalf of the United States for any number of shares not exceeding six thousand, in the Jeffersonville, Ohio, canal company, in the state of Indiana.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of whole, have leave to sit again on the said report.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 7, 1818.

Mr. Upham presented a petition of Amos Cagswell, praying to be allowed the depreciation of his pay as an officer in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Moseley presented a petition of Ebenezer Gilbert, praying compensation for his services as a surgeon in the naval service in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Williams, of New York, presented an application in behalf of John Miller, for an increase of the pension heretofore granted to him.

Ordered, That the said petitions and application be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of looking glasses in frames, and carvers and gilders on wood, in Boston, praying for a reduction of the duties on tinfoil and whiting, and for an increase of duty on imported looking glasses in frames, and carving and gilding on wood, generally.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Hogg presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Jackson county, in Tennessee, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Marr presented a petition of Thomas Johnson, and Michael Dickson, commissioners for surveying and laying out a road from Reynoldsburg, in Tennessee, to intersect the Natchez road, in the Chickasaw nation of Indians, praying that their surveyor, chain carriers, and other persons, may be paid by the general government.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Sergeant, from the joint committee appointed on the subject, reported the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, be authorized to terminate the present session, by adjournment of their respective Houses, on Monday, the 13th of April next.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, on Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of Lambert Robinson, presented on the 9th December, 1816.

On motion of Desha,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Paris, by North Middletown, to Owingsville, in the state of Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Morton,

Resolved, That the committee on so much of the President's message as relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for constructing a navigable canal, to unite the waters of Massachusett's Bay, with the waters of Narragansett Bay, and Long Island Sound, by Taunton river.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending for five years, to the widow and infant children of John Paulding, deceased, one of the incorruptible captors of major Andre, the an-

nual pension heretofore granted to the said John Paulding, for his distinguished merit.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Vermont,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation to the postmaster at Burlington, in the state of Vermont.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of William Williams, presented on the 15th day of February, 1817.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual statement of the emoluments and expenditures of the officers employed in the collection of the customs, for the year 1817, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Claiborne, and the same being amended was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House, a statement of the expenses incurred under the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th articles of the treaty of Ghent, specifying the items in relation to each; and,

Mr. Claiborne, and Mr. Hitchcock, were appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President of the United States.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

An act altering the time for holding a session of the district court of the district of Maine; and,

An act to alter the time of holding the circuit court in the southern district of New York, and for other purposes; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, gave notice that on Monday next, he would move for leave to bring in a bill authorizing the people of the Michigan territory to send a delegate to Congress.

Mr. Wilson, of Pensylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, the four enrolled bills, and resolution last reported to have been examined.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said report.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, March 9, 1818.

John Crowell appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat as the delegate from the territory of Alabama; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Mosely,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Connecticut, presented on the 16th January, 1817, be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Comstock presented a petition of James Floyd, praying that the forfeiture incurred by him on the importation of a quantity of merchandise, in the years 1813 and 1814, may be remitted, as the said goods were imported with the advice and knowledge of the collector, and without any intention to defraud the revenue, or violate any law of the United States.

Mr. Middleton presented a petition of William Marshall, late a collector of direct tax and internal duties, in the state of South Carolina, praying that the amount of a judgment obtained against him for moneys which he is unable to collect, may be remitted.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, presented a petition of Samuel Goodwin and others, acting executors and trustees, by the last will and testament of Absalom Tatom, deceased, praying for a confirmation of the title to lands in the state of Tennessee, granted by the state of North Carolina to the said Tatom.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of William Tucker, administrator on the estate of Clement Hayden, deceased; a petition of John Layton; a petition of Wilford Hagan; a petition of James Tanner; a petition of Jacob Jacobs; a petition of Joseph Smith; a petition of Simeon Smith and Frederick Miller; a petition of George Myers; a petition of Samuel Kenyon; a petition of George Cook; a petition of John Myers; petition of Curtis Willborn; a petition of George Ramey; a petition of George Robertson and James Willborn; a petition of Victoire Gratiot and J. P. Cabanne, administrators on the estate of Charles Gratiot, deceased; a petition of Maccay Wherrey; a petition of James Bradshaw and his wife, representatives of Jacob Odon deceased; a petition of James Austin; a petition of John P. Cabanne and Antoine Soulard, executors of the last will and testament of Jacques Clamorgan, deceased; a petition of Charles Dehault Delassus; and a petition of Noel Mongrain; respectively praying that their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made reports on the petitions of Robert Evans, and Septa Fillmore, which were read and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, be *rejected.*

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of James Conner, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of Thomas B. Farish, which was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief Thomas B. Farish, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James Pelot, and that it be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, made a report on the petition of sundry ancient French inhabitants of the territory of Missouri, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to *withdraw* their petition.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Jesse Brown, and that it be referred to the Secretary of war.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for changing the compensation of receivers and registers of the land offices; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of Samuel B. Brooke, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Ordered, That the committee on Naval Affairs, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Frederick Earnest, and Frederick Williamson, and that it be referred to the Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Bassett, from the committee on that part of the President's message, which relates to the Public Buildings, and to the erection of additional offices, reported a bill making appropriations for the public buildings, and for furnishing the Capital and President's house, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to provide

for erecting additional buildings for the accommodation of the Executive Departments.

Mr. Butler, from the committee appointed on the petition of major general John Stark, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the relief of the said major general John Stark, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the causes of the frequent failure of the mails, between the other cities of the United States, and New Orleans; and that they further inquire into the expediency of having the mails to, and from, New Orleans, conveyed in covered carriages.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of Kentucky.

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Bolling Green in Kentucky, by Sparta, in Logan county, to Nashville, in Tennessee.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, on the petition of Henry King, be discharged from the consideration thereof.

The House then took up the said report, and a motion was made by Mr. Anderson, of Kentucky, that the report be referred to the committee who made it, with instructions to report a "bill authorizing the accounting officers of the War Department, to settle the claim of Henry King upon just and equitable principles."

And the question being taken thereon;

It passed in the affirmative.

In pursuance of notice given on the 7th instant, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, asked, and obtained leave to bring in a bill authorizing the people of the Michigan territory to send a delegate to Congress; and,

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Poindexter, and Mr. Hendricks, were appointed a committee to prepare, and bring in the same.

An engrossed resolution "fixing the time for the adjournment of the first session of the fifteenth Congress," was read the third time; and the question was stated, shall it pass? when,

A motion was made by Mr. Poindexter, to postpone the same until Monday next; which motion was rejected by the House.

Mr. Forsyth then moved that the said resolution be postponed until the first Monday in April next; which was also rejected by the House.

The question was then taken, shall the said resolution pass?

And passed in the affirmative. { Yeas.....101, Nays.....46.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hall, *N. C.*	Mr. Rich,
Adams,	Hasbrouck,	Richards,
Allen, *Vt.*	Hendricks,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Anderson, *Ken.*	Hiester,	Ruggles,
Austin,	Hitchcock,	Sampson,
Ball,	Hogg,	Schuyler,
Barbour, *Va.*	Holmes, *Mass.*	Scudder,
Bateman,	Holmes, *Con.*	Settle,
Beecher,	Hubbard,	Seybert,
Bellinger,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Sherwood,
Bloomfield,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Slocumb,
Boss,	Lawyer,	Bal. Smith,
Bryan,	Livermore,	J. S. Smith,
Burwell,	M'Lane,	Spencer,
Butler,	W. P. Maclay,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Campbell,	Marr,	Strong,
Clagett,	Mason, *Mass.*	Tarr,
Claiborne,	Mason, *R. I.*	Taylor,
Cobb,	Merrill,	Tompkins,
Colston,	Mills,	Townsend,
Comstock,	Morton,	Trimble,
Cook,	Murray,	Tucker, *S. C*
Cruger,	H. Nelson,	Tyler,
Cushman,	T. M. Nelson,	Upham,
Darlington,	Ogden,	Walker, *Ken.*
Desha,	Ogle,	Wallace,
Earle,	Owen,	Wendover,
Edwards,	Patterson,	Whiteside,
Ellicott,	Pawling,	Williams, *Con.*
Forney,	Pindall,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Fuller,	Pleasants,	Williams, *N. C.*
Gage,	Porter,	Wilson, *Mass.*
Garnett,	Quarles,	Wilson, *Pen.* 101
Hall, *Del.*	Rhea,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Anderson, *Pen.*	Mr. Folger	Mr. Kinsey,
Baldwin,	Forsyth,	Linn,
Barber, *Ohio,*	Harrison,	Little,
Bennett,	Herkimer,	Lowndes,
Blount,	Hopkinson,	Middleton,
Crafts,	Huntington,	Moore,
Crawford,	Johnson, *Va.*	Mumford,
Floyd,	Jones,	Jer. Nelson,

Mr. Orr,	Mr. Sawyer,	Mr. Stuart, *Md.*	
Palmer,	Shaw,	Terrell,	
Parrott,	Silsbee,	Terry,	
Peter,	Simkins,	Tucker, *Va.*	
Poindexter,	S. Smith,	Walker, *N. C.*	
Reed,	Alex. Smyth,	Whitman,	
Ringgold,	Speed,	Wilkin.	46
Savage,			

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill respecting the district courts of the United States, within the state of New York, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from *Richard* Bland Lee, Commissioner of Claims, transmitting reports of the facts in the cases of Hannah Davis, Robert Edwards, John King, and the heirs of William Forbes, deceased, all of the state of Virginia, and of Sarah Hall, of the state of Maryland, with the evidence accompanying each, which was referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating, that in conformity with the provisions of the act of the 3d of March, 1817, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to certain banks, in the District of Columbia, and to prevent the circulation of the notes of unincorporated associations, within the said District;" the president and directors of the bank embraced in the said act, have deposited in the Treasury Department, statements of the situation of the said banks on the 1st day of January last, and that from an examination of the said statements, he is of opinion that their concerns have been prudently conducted; that there is no just reason to doubt their solidity, and that there exists no cause of danger, arising from any kind of mismanagement; which letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said report.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 10, 1818.

Mr. Terry presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of looking glasses in frames, and carvers and gilders on wood, in the

United States, praying to the same effect with the petitions of the same description of manufacturers, heretofore presented.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of sundry piano fort makers, and organ builders, of the cities of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, praying that the duties on those articles imported into the United States, may be calculated on the value thereof in this country, instead of the nett cost of the article, at the place of manufacture.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of the mayor, aldermen, and inhabitants of the city of New Orleans, by Samuel C. Young, their agent, praying for a grant of land in favor of the board of trustees of the charity hospital of said city, for the purpose of enabling them to build and maintain, an addition to said hospital; as also for a grant of land to the trustees of the college of Orleans, equal in value to the lot and building belonging to said college, which have been taken and converted into a courthouse, for the district court of the United States, for the district of Louisiana; and also, that a Lazaretto may be established at the English turn, on the Mississippi territory, for the reception of such mariners, and others, coming from sea, as are infected with contageous diseases.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The Speaker presented a petition of the legislative council, and house of representatives, of the Alabama territory, praying that no part of the said territory may be attached to the state of Mississippi.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the 17th December last, on a memorial of the legislature of the said state of Mississippi, upon the same subject.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of Chew & Relf, owners, and representative of owners, of the claim of the marquis de Maison Rouge, presented on the 9th January, 1817, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Saint Michael, in the territory of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of Thomas Griffin, which was read; when,

Mr. Lowndes reported a bill directing the payment of certain bills drawn by general Armstrong, in favor of Thomas Morgan; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes also reported a bill supplementary to an act to provide for the redemption of the public debt, which was read the

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Phebe Moore, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the case of William Henderson, transmitted to this House by the Commissioner of Claims, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of John Hamilton, and John Heddinger, and that they be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs, be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of Samuel Jackson, and Brintuel Robbins, and that the former be referred to the committee on the Public Lands, and the latter to the Secretary of War.

On motion of Mr. Tucker, of Virginia,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the proper accounting officers of the War Department to credit and settle the accounts of Harold Smyth, late a captain by brevet in the army of the United States, and quartermaster at fort M'Henry, in such manner, and upon such terms, as shall be equitable and just.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from the city of Raleigh, in North Carolina, by Delks, to Hillsborough.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing in some convenient situation in one of the western states, a branch of the General Post Office, for the purpose of making contracts for the conveyance of the mail, and to correct abuses in that Department.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for allowing to any person or persons, who will purchase any portion of the public lands, not less than one entire township, at two dollars an acre, bearing interest from the date of the purchase, an extended credit, beyond the time allowed to purchasers under the existing laws.

Mr. Claiborne submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House, a statement of the expenses incurred under the 4th, 6th, and 7th articles of the treaty of Ghent, specifying the items of expenditure in relation to each.

making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1818."

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That during the remainder of the session, the hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, shall be ten o'clock in the morning.

On motion of Mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That the President of the United States, be requested to lay before this House, any information he may possess, which can be communicated without injury to the public good, relative to Augustus Pierre Choteau, Julius Demun, and their company; Robert M'Knight, James Baird, and their company; likewise, J. Farro; captured by the forces of the king of Spain, and confined in the prisons of Santa Fe, and that he communicate any information he may possess relative to the place where captured.

Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Smyth, of Virginia, were appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President of the United States.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, of North Carolina, that the House do *now* proceed to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 8th January last; which motion was rejected by the House.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole to which is committed the report of the committee of Claims on the petition of Henry Williams, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that leave be given to *withdraw* the said petition.

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to amend the standing rules and orders of the House, by adding thereto the following:

"After six days from the commencement of a second, or subsequent session of any Congress, all legislative business, which, at the close of the next preceding session, remained undetermined in the House where it originated, shall be resumed and acted on in the same manner as if an adjournment had not taken place.

The said amendment was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Rhea,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, do inquire into the expediency of placing on the pension list, Sarah Harman, the widow, and James Harman, Washington Harman, and Mary Ann Harman, the children of John Harman, deceased, who belonged to a company of artillerists on board of the United States frigate, Guerrier, and who, being on board of the said frigate, in the service of the United States, was wounded in the engagement with the Algerines, on the 21st July, 1815, and died in consequence of said wounds.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act respecting the district courts of the United States, within the state of New York," was

Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of looking glasses in frames, and carvers and gilders on wood, in Boston, praying for a reduction of the duties on tinfoil and whiting, and for an increase of duty on imported looking glasses in frames, and carving and gilding on wood, generally.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Hogg presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Jackson county, in Tennessee, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Marr presented a petition of Thomas Johnson, and Michael Dickson, commissioners for surveying and laying out a road from Reynoldsburg, in Tennessee, to intersect the Natchez road, in the Chickasaw nation of Indians, praying that their surveyor, chain carriers, and other persons, may be paid by the general government.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Sergeant, from the joint committee appointed on the subject, reported the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, be authorized to terminate the present session, by adjournment of their respective Houses, on Monday, the 13th of April next.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, on Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of Lambert Robinson, presented on the 9th December, 1816.

On motion of Desha,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Paris, by North Middletown, to Owingsville, in the state of Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Morton,

Resolved, That the committee on so much of the President's message as relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for constructing a navigable canal, to unite the waters of Massachusett's Bay, with the waters of Narragansett Bay, and Long Island Sound, by Taunton river.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending for five years, to the widow and infant children of John Paulding, deceased, one of the incorruptible captors of major Andre, the an-

complaining of the investment and capture thereof, by the arms of the United States, the loss of property and other injuries sustained, in consequence of the occupation of the island by the United States, and his application to the President of the United States for redress in the premises, and his failure to obtain it; and praying relief from Congress: Which being read;

Mr. Forsyth moved that the said memorial "be not received."

And the question being stated thereon;

Mr. Tucker of Virginia, moved to lay the said *motion* on the table.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on Mr. Forsyth's motion, and being taken;

It passed in the affirmative. { Yeas.....127, Nays.....28.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,
Adams,
Allen, *Vt.*
Austin,
Baldwin,
Ball,
Barbour, *Va.*
Barber, *Ohio*,
Bateman,
Bayley,
Beecher,
Bennett,
Boss,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Campbell,
Clagett,
Claiborne,
Cobb,
Colston,
Comstock,
Cook,
Crafts,
Cruger,
Culbreth,
Cushman,
Darlington,
Drake,
Earle,

Mr. Edwards,
Ellicott,
Ervin, *S. C.*
Folger,
Forsyth,
Gage,
Garnett,
Hall, *N. C.*
Hasbrouck,
Herbert,
Herkimer,
Hitchcock,
Hogg,
Holmes, *Con.*
Hubbard,
Hunter,
Huntington,
Irving, *N. Y.*
Johnson, *Va.*
Kirtland,
Lawyer,
Linn,
Little,
Lowndes,
M'Lane,
W. P. Maclay,
M'Coy,
Marchand,
Marr,

Mr. Mason, *Mass.*
Mercer,
Merrill,
Middleton,
Mills,
Moore,
Morton,
Moseley,
Murray,
Jer. Nelson,
H. Nelson,
New,
Ogden,
Ogle,
Orr,
Owen,
Palmer,
Parrott,
Patterson,
Pawling,
Peter,
Pindall,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Poindexter,
Reed,
Rhea,
Rice,
Rich,

Mr. Richards,	Mr. Sherwood,	Mr. Taylor,
Ringgold,	Silsbee,	Terrell,
Robertson, *Ken.*	Simkins,	Terry,
Ruggles,	Slocumb,	Tompkins,
Sampson,	S. Smith,	Townsend,
Savage,	Bal. Smith,	Tyler,
Sawyer,	Alex. Smyth,	Wallace,
Schuyler,	J. S. Smith,	Wendover,
Scudder,	Speed,	Williams, *Con.*
Sergeant,	Stewart, *N. C.*	Williams, *N. Y.*
Settle,	Stuart, *Md.*	Williams, *N. C.*
Seybert,	Tallmadge,	Wilkin,
Shaw,	Tarr,	Wilson, *Pen.* 127

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Anderson, *Pen.*	Mr. Hendricks,	Mr. Robertson, *Lou.*
Anderson, *Ken.*	Johnson, *Ken.*	Southard,
Bassett,	Jones,	Spencer,
Bellinger,	Kinsey,	Strother,
Bloomfield,	Livermore,	Trimble,
Blount,	Mumford,	Tucker, *Va.*
Boden,	T. M. Nelson,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Desha,	Porter,	Walker, *N. C.*
Forney,	Quarles,	Whiteside, 28
Harrison,		

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, reported a bill for the relief Henry King, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Rhea also made a report on the petition of Jabez Parsons, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted, and that he have leave to *withdraw the papers* accompanying his petition.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Hamilton, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, who were instructed by resolution of the 2d January last, to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for extending the provisions of an act, entitled "An act providing for the payment of claims for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," passed on the 9th April, 1816; made a report thereon, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, from the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to Roads, Canals, and Semi-

naries of Learning, made a report upon the subject of the Cumberland road, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the 9th instant, approve and sign "An act for the relief of major general Arthur St. Clair."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Alex. Smyth reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said report.

A motion was made by Mr. Cobb, that the House do *reconsider* the vote taken yesterday, adopting the resolution submitted by Mr. Poindexter, fixing the hour of meeting, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

And on the question to reconsider as aforesaid;

It passed in the affirmative.

The question then again recurred on the resolution submitted by Mr. Poindexter; when,

The House adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 12, 1818.

The journal of the proceedings of yesterday being read;

Mr. Poindexter moved to amend the same in the paragraph respecting the memorial of Vicente Pazos, by striking out, after the word "Mexico," the recital of the *substance of the memorial*, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following words, viz: "Which being read, and on the question, will the House receive the same? it was, on the motion of Mr. Forsyth, determined that the said memorial be not recieved."

And the question being taken on so amending the journal;

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Folger presented a petition of Alexander Black, stating that he has invented an improvement in the erection and warming of lighthouses, and praying for the patronage of the government in carrying his invention into execution.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of John Wilkin, praying for the remission of a forfeiture incurred by him in selling spirituous liquors without a license, being ignorant, as he alleges, of the necessity of obtaining a license.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Ogden presented a petition of Samuel F. Hooker, praying compensation for a quantity of wood and other property taken from him for the use of the army, in the year 1814.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the petition of Gregoire Sarpy, presented on the 19th June, 1813, be also referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Ogden presented a petition of sundry merchants and other inhabitants on the Saint Lawrence, and Ontario frontier, in the state of New York, praying that the acts regulating the entrance and clearance of vessels, and the fees of the customhouse officers, on the said frontier, may be so amended as to correspond with the regulations established on the Atlantic Coast.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of Jonathan D. Essary, praying permission to change the location of a tract of land, purchased from the United States, having entered a tract different from that on which he is located.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Jefferson and New Switzerland, in the state of Indiana, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Rhea,

Ordered, That the petition of Francis Henderson and family, heirs and representatives of John Laurens, deceased, presented on the 6th February, 1817, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, made reports on the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Ohio, and Indiana, for a land office at Greenville; of Samuel Jackson, Valentine Haffner, and of James Brown, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, ought *not* to be granted.

Ordered, That the committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of William Smith and Francis Preston, and that they be referred to the committee appointed on the 17th December last, concerning the extinguishment of the Indian title to certain military bounty lands, in the state of Kentucky.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill relating to duties on foreign merchandise, which was read

the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes also reported a bill providing for the deposite of wines and distilled spirits in public warehouses, which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole on the bill supplementary to an act, entitled an act regulating the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, passed 2d of March, 1799.

Mr. Lowndes, from the same committee, who were instructed by a resolution of the 4th ultimo, directing an inquiry into the legality of transfers of public debt, made to the Bank of the United States, to secure the payment of loans made to them, made a report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the report made yesterday by the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning, upon the subject of the Cumberland Road, be recommitted to the said committee; and that Mr. Westerlo, and Mr. Tarr, be added thereto in the places of Mr. Ingham and Mr. Storrs, who are absent on leave.

On motion of Mr. Rhea,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Rogersville, in Hawkins county, in East Tennessee, by M'Cann's store, and Blackwater salt works, to Lee courthouse, being distant about forty-six miles.

Mr. Floyd, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States, a resolution of the 10th instant, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered that he would attend to the request contained in the resolution.

Ordered, That the resolution submitted by Mr. Poindexter on the 10th instant, to fix the hour of meeting at 10 o'clock in the morning, and which was undecided yesterday at the time of adjournment, do lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmiting, in obedience to a resolution of the 6th ultimo, a statement of balances now due, respectively, from such persons, now, or heretofore acting in the quartermaster's and paymaster's departments, whose accounts have not been settled for the period of more than one year previous to the 27th December last; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a report of the Secretary of War, on the petition of Thomas Williams, of the Iroquois tribe of Indians, referred to him on the 13th of January, 1816, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House another report of the Secretary of War, made in conformity to the act of 10th April, 1806, "to provide for persons disabled by known wounds received in the

revolutionary war," which was referred to the committee on Pensionsion and Revolutionary Claims.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said report.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 13, 1818.

Mr. Williams, of New York, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Otsego, in the state of New York, concerned in the manufacture of cotton and woollen goods, praying that such measures may be adopted, for the further protection and encouragement of American manufactures, as will enable the manufacturers to continue their operations.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of tacks, in and near the city of Philadelphia, praying that additional duties may be imposed on tacks imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Cheney, presented on the 22d of February, 1817, be referred to the Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Hitchcock presented a petition of Quintus F. Atkins, late a lieutenant in the army of the United States, praying to be reimbursed the moneys paid by him for the services, clothing, and rations for his servant, while in the capacity aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the commitee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Lewis Courtois, praying that his title to a tract of land in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, made reports on the petitions of Rowland Clapp and Selah Hill, of William Handy, of Christopher Hoxie, of Eliza Webb, and of Richard Claiborne, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the petitioners, respectively, have leave to *withdraw* their petitions.

Mr. Nelson also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Thomas Witherspoon, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of John R. Williams, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Williams also made unfavorable reports on the petitions of James Hicks and Henry Waller, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of Henry Davis, which was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of the said Henry Davis, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the case of Thaddeus Mayhew, transmitted to this House by the Commissioner of Claims, which was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of the said Thaddeus Mayhew, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Jane Park and others, and that it be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Ordered, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be discharged from a further consideration of the resolution of the 2d ultimo, respecting the clearance of vessels in the district of Edgartown, and that it be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Forney, from the committee on Military Affairs, made a report on the petition of Sarah Smith, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That there exists no necessity for any legislative interference in her behalf.

Mr. Forney also made a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Hampshire county, in the state of Massachusetts, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Elizabeth Eaton, and that she have leave to withdraw the same; and that they be also discharged from a further consideration of the resolution in behalf of the widow and children of John Harman, deceased, and that it lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Robert Ramsay, and Thomas Shield, and that the former be referred to the Secretary of Navy, and that the latter have leave to withdraw his petition.

Ordered, That the said committee be also discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Margaret Arundel, and the resolution in behalf of the widow of the late captain James Lawrence, and that they be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to an act giving pensions to the widows and orphans of persons slain in the public and private armed vessels of the United States."

Ordered, That Samuel Jackson have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

Ordered, That the report of the committee of *Claims* on the petition of Derick Van Vighten, be recommitted *to the* said committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, on the 9th instant, approve and sign,

An act concerning the district of Brunswick, in the state of Georgia;

An act to authorize certain purchasers of public land to withdraw their entries and transfer the moneys paid thereon;

An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act further extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants, and for other purposes;" and,

A resolution relative to the distribution of the late edition of the land laws.

The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act extending the time for obtaining military land warrants, in certain cases;" also, the bill, entitled "An act fixing the compensations of the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, and of the clerks employed in their offices; and the bill, entitled "An act to provide for delivering up persons held to labor or service in any of the states or territories, who shall escape into any other state or territory," with amendments to each; in which bill and amendments, they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The bill from the Senate was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The amendments to the first mentioned bill of this House were read, and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The amendments to the last mentioned bill were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law, a post road from the village and town of Utica, in the county of Oneida, and state of New York, through the village of Clinton, in the town of Paris, by Chandler's Store, to the town of Augusta, in the county and state aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Hale,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Richmond, in the state of New Hampshire, through Swanzey, to Keene.

On motion of Mr. New,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Louisville, in Kentucky, to Hardensburg, in the state aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Lewisburg, via Williams' Store, Ransom's Bridge, and Moon's Store, to Enfield, in the county of Halifax, North Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Lawyer,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of correcting a mistake that occurred in the year 1808, in placing captain Thomas Matchin, an officer in the revolutionary army, upon the pension list, at ten dollars per month, when he ought to have been placed on the pension list at twenty dollars per month, according to the report of the then Secretary of War, and providing by law for the correction of such mistake.

On motion of Mr. Hitchcock,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Mercer, in the state of Pennsylvania, to Brookfield, in the county of Trumbull, and state of Ohio, and also, from Warren, in said county, of Trumbull, by Newton, to Canton, in the county of Starke.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had gone through the said report, and directed him to report their agreement to the resolution therein contained, with an amendment to strike out all of the said resolution after the word *Resolved*, and to insert, in lieu thereof, the following, to wit:

such way as to secure the execution of their undertaking, in such way as may be most extensively useful, to the community in general.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning.

Mr. Orr presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Bedford, in the state of New Hampshire, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

Ordered, That the petition of Edwin C. Brown, presented on the 8th of November, 1814, be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Herbert presented a petition of the Directors of the Eastern Branch Bridge Company, praying that permission may not be granted to build another bridge over the Eastern Branch, within the limits of the city of Washington.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill to incorporate a company to build a bridge over the Eastern Branch of Potomac, from the southern termination of Eleventh street, east, in the city of Washington.

Mr. Lowndes presented a petition of David Gelston, on behalf of himself and Peter A. Schenck, praying to be indemnified against a judgment recovered against them for the seizure of the ship American Eagle, for an alleged breach of the laws of the United States, under direction from the Secretary of the Treasury.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Pope presented a petition of Michael Jones, praying for additional compensation for services rendered by him, as a land commissioner, in the territory of Illinois.

Mr. Pope also presented a petition, in the French language, of sundry inhabitants of the Bay Verte, in the territory of Illinois, upon the subject of their land titles.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a consideration of the petition of Eli Hart, and that he have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Peter Helphenstine and others, John Ager and others, Samuel Douthet, and of Joseph Little; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the respective petitions of Peter Helphenstine and others, John Ager and others, and Samuel Douthet, ought *not* to be granted; that the prayer of the petition of Jo-

seph Little, in respect to his claim for ten months' pay, ought *not* to be granted; and that Samuel Douthet and Joseph Little, have leave to *withdraw the papers* accompanying their petitions.

Mr. T. M. Nelson, from the committee an Military Affairs, made reports on the petitions of John Whiting, and Patrick H. Maddin, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Forney, from the same committee, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of Adolphus Burghart, deceased, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of William Barton.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of *sundry inhabitants* of Lebanon county, in the state of Pennsylvania, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War; as also, from the resolution in behalf of Catharine Low, and that it be referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill to extend, for the further term of five years, the pensions heretofore granted to the widows and orphans of the officers and soldiers who died, or were killed, in the late war.

Mr. Tucker, from the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning, reported a bill making further approprations for the construction of the Cumberland road, which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriations for the support of government, during the year 1818.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from Richard Bland Lee, Commissioner of Claims, transmitting a report of the facts in the case of Nathan Ford, with the evidence accompanying it, which was referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a report of the Secretary of War on the petition of Brintnel Robbins, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a report of the Secretary of the Navy on the petition of Frederick Earnest, and Frederick Williamson, which was read, and also ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed Mr. Noble, of the committee on Enrolled Bills, on their part, in place of Mr. Wilson, who is absent. They have passed bills of the following titles, viz: "An act respecting the transportation of persons of color, for sale, or to be held in labor;" and, "An act to extend the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States, to cases arising under the law relating to patents;" and, a resolution "directing the distribution of the laws, of the 14th Congress, among the members of the

15th Congress:" In which bills and resolution, they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The first mentioned bill was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

The last mentioned bill was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The resolution aforesaid was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Claiborne, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States a resolution relative to the expenses incurred under the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th articles of the treaty of Ghent, reported, that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered, that he would atttend to the request contained in the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That the committee on Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of appropriating a reasonable sum, out of the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, in the state of Mississippi, to the opening and improving the navigation of Pearl river, in said state, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing John Seybold to transfer to any other purchases of land he may make, or may have made in the district of Vincennes, the moneys he has paid on a mistaken entry of one quarter section of land, in said district, and that his documents, herewith presented, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Moore,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the post road from Beavertown, in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, to Greersburg, in said county, so as to pass through the village of Brighton.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the First Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting a list of balances on the books of the Fouth Auditor, of the Treasury, which appear to have been due more than three years, prior to the 30th September last, or to have remained unsettled on that day, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee of the whole on the report of the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning, and the question was stated to concur with the committee of the whole, in their first amendment to the resolution contained

in the said report, to wit: to strike out all of the said resolution, after the word *Resolved*, and to insert;

1. That Congress has power, under the Constitution, to appropriate money for the construction of post roads, military, *and other* roads, and for the improvement of water courses; when,

A motion was made by Mr. Desha to amend the said first amendment, by striking out these words, viz: *and other*. Which motion was rejected by the House.

Mr. Mills then moved that the further consideration of the whole subject be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....77, Nays.....87

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Forney,	Mr Rice,
Allen, *Mass.*	Garnett,	Richards,
Allen, *Vt.*	Hale,	Ringgold,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Hall, *N. C.*	Ruggles,
Austin,	Hogg,	Sampson,
Ball,	Holmes, *Con.*	Scudder,
Barbour, *Va.*	Hunter,	Settle,
Bassett,	Huntington,	Shaw,
Bellinger,	Johnson, *Va.*	Sherwood,
Bennett,	Kirtland,	Silsbee,
Blount,	M'Coy,	S. Smith,
Boden,	Marr,	Alex. Smyth,
Boss,	Mason, *Mass.*	J. S. Smith,
Bryan,	Merrill,	Speed,
Burwell,	Middleton,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Butler,	Mills,	Strong,
Clagett,	Moseley,	Tompkins,
Claiborne,	H. Nelson,	Townsend,
Cook,	T. M. Nelson,	Tucker, *S. C*
Crafts,	New,	Tyler,
Culbreth,	Orr,	Walker, *N. C.*
Desha,	Owen,	Whitman,
Drake,	Pitkin,	Williams, *Con.*
Earle,	Pleasants,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Edwards,	Reed,	Williams, *N. C.* 77
Folger,	Rhea,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Bayley,	Mr. Colston,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Beecher,	Comstock,
Baldwin,	Bloomfield,	Crawford,
Barber, *Ohio*,	Campbell,	Cruger,
Bateman,	Cobb,	Cushman,

Mr. Darlington,	Mr. Lowndes,	Mr. Sawyer,
Ellicott,	M'Lane,	Schuyler,
Ervin, *S. C.*	W. P. Maclay,	Sergeant,
Forsyth,	Marchand,	Seybert,
Gage,	Mercer,	Simkins,
Hall, *Del.*	Moore,	Slocumb,
Harrison,	Morton,	Bal. Smith,
Hasbrouck,	Mumford,	Southard,
Hendricks,	Murray,	Spencer,
Herbert,	Ogden,	Stuart, *Md.*
Herkimer,	Ogle,	Tallmadge,
Herrick,	Palmer,	Tarr,
Hiester,	Parrott,	Taylor,
Hitchcock,	Patterson,	Terrell,
Holmes, *Mass.*	Pawling,	Trimble,
Hopkinson,	Peter,	Tucker, *Va.*
Hubbard,	Pindall,	Upham,
Irving, *N. Y.*	Poindexter,	Wallace,
Johnson, *Ken.*	Porter,	Wendover,
Jones,	Quarles,	Westerlo,
Kinsey,	Rich,	Whiteside,
Lawyer,	Robertson, *Ken.*	Wilkin,
Linn,	Robertson, *Lou.*	Wilson, *Mass.*
Livermore,	Savage,	Wilson, *Pen.* 87

The question recurred on concurring in the said first amendment of the committee of the whole, and being taken;

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....90, Nays.....75.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Gage,	Mr. Linn,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Hall, *Del.*	Livermore,
Baldwin,	Harrison,	Lowndes,
Barber, *Ohio,*	Hasbrouck,	M'Lane,
Bateman,	Hendricks,	W. P. Maclay,
Bayley,	Herbert,	Marchand,
Beecher,	Herkimer,	Marr,
Bloomfield,	Herrick,	Mercer,
Campbell,	Hiester,	Middleton,
Colston,	Hitchcock,	Moore,
Comstock,	Holmes, *Mass.*	Morton,
Crawford,	Hopkinson,	Mumford,
Cruger,	Hubbard,	Murray,
Cushman,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Jer. Nelson,
Darlington,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Ogden,
Ellicott,	Jones,	Ogle,
Ervin, *S. C.*	Kinsey,	Palmer,
Forsyth,	Lawyer,	Parrott,

And the question being taken thereon;
It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Desha then moved to amend the said resolution, by inserting, after the word "roads," the words, "*with the consent of the states.*"

And the question being taken thereon;
It was also determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on agreeing to the said second resolution, and being taken;

It was determined in negative, { Yeas.....82, Nays.....84.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Anderson, *Ken.*	Mr. Hubbard,	Mr. Rich,
Baldwin,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Robertson, *Ken.*
Barber, *Ohio,*	Johnson, *Ken.*	Robertson, *Lou.*
Bateman,	Jones,	Savage,
Bayley,	Kinsey,	Schuyler,
Beecher,	Lawyer,	Sergeant,
Bloomfield,	Linn,	Seybert,
Campbell,	Livermore,	Simkins,
Colston,	Lowndes,	Slocumb,
Comstock,	M'Lane,	Bal. Smith,
Crawford,	Marchand,	Southard,
Cruger,	Marr,	Speed,
Cushman,	Mercer,	Spencer,
Darlington,	Moore,	Stuart, *Md.*
Ellicott,	Morton,	Tallmadge,
Ervin, *S. C.*	Mumford,	Tarr,
Forsyth,	Murray,	Taylor,
Gage,	Ogden,	Terrell,
Hall, *Del.*	Ogle,	Trimble,
Harrison,	Palmer,	Upham,
Hasbrouck,	Parrott,	Wallace,
Hendricks,	Patterson,	Wendover,
Herbert,	Pawling,	Westerlo,
Herkimer,	Peter,	Whiteside,
Herrick,	Pindall,	Wilkin.
Hiester,	Porter,	Wilson, *Mass.*
Hitchcock,	Quarles,	Wilson, *Pen.* 82
Hopkinson,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Austin,	Mr. Bennett,
Adams,	Ball,	Blount,
Allen, *Mass.*	Babour, *Va.*	Boden,
Allen, *Vt.*	Bassett,	Boss,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Bellinger,	Bryan,

Mr. Harrison,
Hasbrouck,
Hendricks,
Herrick,
Hitchcock,
Holmes, *Mass.*
Hubbard,
Johnson, *Ken.*
Jones,
Linn,
Livermore,
Marchand,
Marr,
Mr. Moore,
Murray,
Jer. Nelson,
T. M. Nelson,
Palmer,
Patterson,
Peter,
Pindall,
Porter,
Robertson, *Lou.*
Sawyer,
Seybert,
Mr. Slocumb,
S. Smith,
Southard,
Speed,
Spencer,
Stewart, *N. C.*
Tallmadge,
Tarr,
Trimble,
Tucker, *Va.*
Upham,
Wilson, *Pen.* 46

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *Vt.*
Anderson, *Pen.*
Anderson, *Ken.*
Austin,
Baldwin,
Barbour, *Va.*
Bassett,
Bayley,
Beecher,
Bellinger,
Bennett,
Bloomfield,
Blount,
Boden,
Boss,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Butler,
Campbell,
Clagett,
Claiborne,
Colston,
Comstock,
Cook,
Crafts,
Cruger,
Cushman,
Darlington,
Drake,
Earle,
Edwards,
Ellicott,
Ervin, *S. C.*
Folger,
Forney,
Mr. Forsyth,
Garnett,
Hale,
Hall, *Del.*
Hall, *N. C.*
Herbert,
Herkimer,
Heister,
Hogg,
Holmes, *Con.*
Hopkinson,
Hunter,
Huntington,
Irving, *N. Y.*
Johnson, *Va.*
Kinsey,
Lawyer,
Lowndes,
M'Lane,
W. Maclay,
W. P. Maclay,
M'Coy,
Mason, *Mass.*
Mason, *R. I.*
Mercer,
Merrill,
Middleton,
Mills,
Morton,
Moseley,
Mumford,
H. Nelson,
New,
Ogden,
Ogle,
Orr,
Mr. Owen,
Parrott,
Pawling,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Poindexter,
Quarles,
Reed,
Rhea,
Rice,
Rich,
Richards,
Ringgold,
Robertson, *Ken.*
Ruggles,
Sampson,
Savage,
Schuyler,
Scudder,
Sergeant,
Settle,
Shaw,
Silsbee,
Simkins,
Bal. Smith,
Alex. Smyth,
J. S. Smith,
Strong,
Strother,
Stuart, *Md.*
Taylor,
Terrell,
Terry,
Tompkins,
Townsend,
Tucker, *S. C.*

Mr. Tyler,	Mr. Westerlo,	Mr. Williams, *N. Y.*
Walker, *N. C.*	Whiteside,	Williams, *N. C.*
Wallace,	Whitman,	Wilkin,
Wendover,	Williams, *Con.*	Wilson, *Mass.* 120

The question then recurred on agreeing to the said third resolution, and being taken;

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....71, Nays..... 95.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Anderson, *Ken.*	Mr. Hitchcock,	Mr. Quarles,
Baldwin,	Hopkinson,	Rich,
Bateman,	Hubbard,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Bayley,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Robertson, *Lou.*
Beecher,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Savage,
Bloomfield,	Jones,	Schuyler,
Campbell,	Kinsey,	Sergeant,
Colston,	Lawyer,	Simkins,
Comstock,	Livermore,	Bal. Smith,
Crawford,	Lowndes,	Spencer,
Cruger,	M'Lane,	Stuart, *Md.*
Cushman,	Marchand,	Tallmadge,
Darlington,	Moore,	Tarr,
Ellicott,	Morton,	Terrell,
Ervin, *S. C.*	Mumford,	Trimble,
Forsyth,	Ogden,	Upham,
Gage,	Ogle,	Wallace,
Hall, *Del.*	Palmer,	Wendover,
Harrison,	Parrott,	Westerlo,
Hasbrouck,	Patterson,	Whiteside,
Herbert,	Pawling,	Wilkin,
Herkimer,	Peter,	Wilson, *Mass.*
Herrick,	Pindall,	Wilson, *Pen.* 71
Hiester,	Porter,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Blount,	Mr. Desha,
Adams,	Boden,	Drake,
Allen, *Mass.*	Boss,	Earle,
Allen, *Vt.*	Bryan,	Edwards,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Burwell,	Folger,
Austin,	Butler,	Forney,
Ball,	Clagett,	Garnett,
Barbour, *Va.*	Claiborne,	Hale,
Barber, *Ohio,*	Cobb,	Hall, *N. C.*
Bassett,	Cook,	Hendricks,
Bellinger,	Crafts,	Hogg,
Bennett,	Culbreth,	Holmes, *Mass.*

Mr. Holmes, *Con.*	Mr Owen,	Mr. Alex. Smyth,
Hunter,	Pitkin,	J. S. Smith,
Huntington,	Pleasants,	Speed,
Johnson, *Va.*	Poindexter,	Stewart, *N. C.*
W. Maclay,	Reed,	Strong,
W. P. Maclay,	Rhea,	Strother,
M'Coy,	Rice,	Taylor,
Marr,	Richards,	Terry,
Mason, *Mass.*	Ringgold,	Tompkins,
Mason, *R. I.*	Ruggles,	Townsend,
Mercer,	Sampson,	Tucker, *Va.*
Merrill,	Sawyer,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Mills,	Scudder,	Tyler,
Moseley,	Settle,	Walker, *N. C.*
Murray,	Seybert,	Walker, *Ken.*
Jer. Nelson,	Shaw,	Whitman,
H. Nelson,	Sherwood,	Williams, *Con.*
T. M. Nelson,	Silsbee,	Williams, *N. Y.*
New,	Slocumb,	Williams, *N. C.* 95
Orr,	S. Smith,	

The question was then stated upon concurring with the committee of the whole house, in that part of their amendment embraced by the fourth resolution, in the following words, viz:

4. Resolved, That Congress has power, under the Constitution, to construct canals for military *purposes:* Provided, That no priavte property be taken for any such purpose, without just compensation being made therefor.

When, Mr. Desha moved to amend the same by inserting, after the word "purposes," the words "*with the consent of the states through which they may pass.*"

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on agreeing to the said fourth resolution, and being taken;

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....81, Nays.....83.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Comstock,	Mr. Harrison,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Cruger,	Hasbrouck,
Baldwin,	Cushman,	Hendricks,
Bateman,	Darlington,	Herbert,
Bayley,	Ellicott,	Herkimer,
Beecher,	Ervin, *S. C.*	Herrick,
Bloomfield,	Forsyth,	Hiester,
Campbell,	Gage,	Hitchcock,
Colston,	Hall, *Del.*	Hopkinson,

Mr. Hubbard,	Mr. Ogle,	Mr. Bal. Smith,
Irving, *N. Y.*	Palmer,	Southard,
Johnson, *Ken.*	Parrott,	Speed,
Jones,	Patterson,	Spencer,
Kinsey,	Pawling,	Stuart, *Md.*
Lawyer,	Peter,	Tallmadge,
Linn,	Pindall,	Tarr,
Livermore,	Porter,	Taylor,
Lowndes,	Quarles,	Terrell,
M'Lane,	Rich,	Trimble,
Marchand,	Robertson, *Ken.*	Upham,
Marr,	Robertson, *Lou.*	Wallace,
Mercer,	Savage,	Wendover,
Moore,	Schuyler,	Westerlo,
Morton,	Sergeant	Whiteside,
Mumford,	Seybert,	Wilkin,
Murray,	Simkins,	Wilson, *Mass.*
Ogden,	Slocumb,	Wilson, *Pen.* 81

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Forney,	Mr. Richards,
Allen, *Mass.*	Garnett,	Ringgold,
Allen, *Vt.*	Hale,	Ruggles,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Hogg,	Sampson,
Austin,	Holmes, *Mass.*	Sawyer,
Ball,	Holmes, *Con.*	Scudder,
Barbour, *Va.*	Huntington,	Settle,
Barber, *Ohio,*	Johnson, *Va.*	Shaw,
Bassett,	W. Maclay,	Silsbee,
Bellinger,	W. P. Maclay,	S. Smith,
Bennett,	M'Coy,	Alex. Smyth,
Blount,	Mason, *Mass.*	J. S. Smith,
Boden,	Mason, *R. I.*	Stewart, *N. C.*
Boss,	Merrill,	Strong,
Bryan,	Mills,	Strother,
Burwell,	Moseley,	Terry,
Butler,	Jer. Nelson,	Tompkins,
Clagett,	H. Nelson,	Townsend,
Claiborne,	T. M. Nelson,	Tucker, *Va.*
Cobb,	New,	Tucker, *S. C*
Cook,	Orr,	Taylor,
Crafts,	Owen,	Walker, *N. C.*
Culbreth,	Pitkin,	Walker, *Ken.*
Desha,	Pleasants,	Whitman,
Drake,	Poindexter,	Williams, *Con.*
Earle,	Reed,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Edwards,	Rhea,	Williams, *N. C.* 88
Folger,	Rice,	

The resolution reported by the committee on so much of the President's message as relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries

of Learning, being amended by the adoption of the first resolution recommended by the committee of the whole, was concurred in.

Mr. Poindexter moved further to amend the said report by adding the following resolution:

Resolved, That Congress have power, under the Constitution, to appropriate money, in aid of the construction of roads and canals, which shall be laid out and constructed, under the authority of the legislatures of the states through which they pass.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said report and resolution as amended, be laid on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which was referred sundry memorials and petitions on the subject of internal improvements in the construction of roads and canals, from the legislature of the state of Ohio, and from sundry citizens of the state of Virginia, be discharged from a further consideration thereof, and that they be referred to the committee on so much of the President's message as relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph J. Monroe, his Secretary, which was read as follows, viz;

"To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, of the 16th December, and of the House of Representatives, of the 24th February last, I lay before Congress, a report of the Secretary of State, and the papers referred to in it, respecting the negotiation with Spain. To explain fully the nature of the differences between the United States and Spain, and the conduct of the parties, it has been found necessary to go back to an early epoch. The recent correspondence, with the documents accompanying it, will give a full view of the whole subject, and place the conduct of the United States, in every stage, and under every circumstance, for justice, moderation, and a firm adherence to their rights, on that high and honorable ground, which it has invariably sustained.

J. MONROE.

Washington, March 14, 1818."

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents, be referred to the committee on so much of the President's message "as relates to the subject of Foreign Affairs."

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, March 16, 1818.

Ordered, That Mr. Orr have leave of absence from the service of this House, from this day, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of Joseph Berry, stating, that he was a lieutenant in the army of the United States, in the late war, and as such, arrested a citizen by command of his superior officer, who, on being liberated, instituted a suit, and recovered heavy damages against him; and praying to be indemnified against said damages, and costs of suit.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Pindall presented a petition of sundry inhabitants in the county of Brook, in the state of Virginia, praying that such encouragement may be granted to the manufactories of the United States, as will insure their continuance.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Marr presented a petition of the general assembly of the state of Tennessee, praying that such measures may be adopted, as will enable the citizens of that state to take possession of the lands purchased by them from the state of North Carolina, and which are now held by the Chickasaw Indians, under a treaty concluded with the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the 17th of December last, respecting the Indian title to lands, within the state of Kentucky.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Gales & Seaton, stating, that they propose to publish a *History of Congress*, from the commencement of the government to the present day, and praying the aid and patronage of Congress, in their said publication; which was read, and referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Robertson, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Simkins, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Pope presented a petition of Peggy Moore, praying for a grant of land in the territory of Illinois, in consideration of the death of her husband and only son, who were killed by the Indians in the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Bernard Rogan, Walter Crow, and Thomas Bair, praying for grants of land sufficient to make up to them, respectively, the quantity to which they are entitled, under existing laws.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scott also presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Missouri, praying that the said territory may be admitted into the Union, as a state, on an equal footing with the original states; which were, together with the petitions of a similar

nature, heretofore presented at the present session, referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Scott, Mr. Robertson, of Kentucky, Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Livermore, Mr. Mills, and Mr. Baldwin, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Scott also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the southern part of the territory of Missouri, praying for a division of the said territory, which was referred to the committee last appointed.

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Lehigh, and Northampton, in the state of Pennsylvania, stating the misconduct of certain officers of the militia of the said counties, whilst sitting on courts martial for the trial of persons who failed to perform their tour of duty under the requisitions of the President, during the late war; that they have improperly applied the public moneys coming into their possession, and that they have contracted unnecessary and improper expenses whilst acting on said courts martial, which are charged to the United States; and praying that the subject may be investigated, and the abuses of which they complain, corrected.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Blount, from the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill to augment the salary of the Postmaster General, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Robert Kaene, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of Renner & Heath, which was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of Daniel Renner, and Nathaniel H. Heath, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act fixing the compensations of the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, and of the clerks employed in their offices," reported the agreement of the committee to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the said amendment be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Ebenezer Stevens and others, which was read; when,

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

An act for the relief of Israel Smith;

An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1818;

An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war;

An act providing for the sale of certain lands in the district of Marietta; and for the location of claims, and sale of certain lands, in the district of Vincennes;

A resolution directing the judges of the supreme court to be furnished with Waits' State Papers; and had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Mercer, from the select committee to whom was referred the resolution from the Senate, entitled "A resolution directing the publication and distribution of the journal and proceedings of the convention which formed the present constitution of the United States," reported the same with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Bassett moved further to amend the said resolution by striking out these words: "*of which one copy shall be furnished to each member of the present Congress.*"

Which motion was rejected by the House.

Ordered, That the amendment agreed to, be engrossed, and the resolution read a third time, to-morrow.

The House took up the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for delivering up persons held to labor or service in any of the states or territores who shall escape into any other state or territory," and being read, were again ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to 'An act making appropriations for repairing certain roads therein described;" and on the bill of this House, this day committed to the same committee of the whole; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Herbert reported the bill from the Senate without amendment, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the bill of this House.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

The question was then taken, shall the said bill from the Senate be read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....83, Nays.....55.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,
Anderson, *Pen.*
Anderson, *Ken.*
Baldwin,
Barber, *Ohio,*
Bateman,
Bayley,
Beecher,
Bloomfield,
Campbell,
Cook,
Crafts,
Crawford,
Cushman,
Darlington,
Ellicott,
Ervin, *S. C.*
Forsyth,
Hall, *Del.*
Harrison,
Hasbrouck,
Hendricks,
Herbert,
Herkimer,
Hiester,
Hitchcock,
Holmes, *Mass.*
Hopkinson,
Mr. Hubbard,
Jones,
Kinsey,
Lawyer,
Linn,
Little,
Lowndes,
M'Lane,
W. P. Macklay,
Marchand,
Marr,
Mason, *Mass.*
Mason, *R. I.*
Mercer,
Middleton,
Moore,
Morton,
Mumford,
Murray,
Jer. Nelson,
Ogden,
Ogle,
Owen,
Palmer,
Patterson,
Pawling,
Peter,
Pindall,
Mr. Pitkin,
Poindexter,
Rich,
Richards,
Robertson, *Lou.*
Ruggles,
Schuyler,
Sergeant,
Seybert,
Slocumb,
Southard,
Speed,
Spencer,
Stewart, *N. C.*
Tallmadge,
Tarr,
Taylor,
Terrell,
Trimble,
Tucker, *Va.*
Wallace,
Westerlo,
Whiteside,
Whitman,
Wilkin,
Wilson, *Mass.*
Wilson, *Pen.* 83

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *Vt.*
Ball,
Barbour, *Va.*
Bassett,
Bellinger,
Bennett,
Blount,
Boden,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Butler,
Clagett,
Culbreth,
Earle,
Edwards,
Mr. Floyd,
Gage,
Garnett,
Hale,
Hogg,
Holmes, *Con.*
Hunter,
Huntington,
Johnson, *Va.*
Kirtland,
M'Coy,
Merrill,
H. Nelson,
T. M. Nelson,
New,
Porter,
Mr. Reed,
Rhea,
Rice,
Sampson,
Sawyer,
Scudder,
Settle,
Shaw,
Sherwood,
Silsbee,
Alex. Smyth,
J. S. Smith,
Strong,
Strother,
Tompkins,
Townsend,

Mr. Tucker, *S. C.* Mr. Walker, *N. C.* Mr. Williams, *N. Y.*
Tyler, Williams, *Con.* Williams, *N. C.* 55
Upham,

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the report of the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, on the petition of James Burseil; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the agreement of the committee to the resolution submitted in the said report.

The question was then taken to concur with the committee of the whole in their agreement to the said resolution, which is as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to *withdraw* his petition and documents.

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That 1400 copies of the message from the President of the United States, of the 14th instant, upon the subject of our relations with Spain, together with the documents accompanying the same, be printed for the use of the members of this House, in addition to the usual number heretofore ordered.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 17, 1818.

Mr. Hale presented a petition of Jonathan Holton, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted to him.

Mr. Moore presented a petition of James Morrow, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Mason presented a petition of Thomas Appleton, consul of the United States at Leghorn, in Italy, praying to be allowed and paid the interest on the money expended by him in prosecuting a suit on behalf of the United States, at Naples, against Frederick Degen & Co. partners of the late house of Degen, Purviance & Co. of Leghorn, under directions from the minister of the United States, in France, and from the Secretary of the Treasury.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That the several petitions from the inhabitants of the Niagara frontier, and of the town of Buffalo, in the state of New-York, presented at the last session, for indemnity for losses sustained by the invasion of that frontier by the British forces during the late war, be referred to the committee of Claims.

read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, the enrolled bills and resolution, the examination of which was reported on the same day.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of general Moses Porter, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Tallmadge, and Mr. Mills, be appointed of the committee on Foreign Relations, in the places of Mr. Goodwin, deceased, and Mr. Orr, who is absent on leave.

The resolution from the Senate, "directing the publication and distribution of the journal and proceedings of the convention which formed the present Constitution of the United States," was read the third time and passed, as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act to vest, in trust, certain sections of land in the legislature of the state of Ohio;" and "An act allowing additional salary and clerk hire to the surveyor for the Illinois and Missouri territories, and for other purposes;" in which they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The said bills were, respectively, read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The bill authorizing the election of a delegate from the Michigan territory to the Congress of the United States, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Forsyth,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering so much of the laws now in force for regulating the territorial governments of the United States, as requires a freehold property in the territories, respectively, as a qualification for office.

On motion of Mr. Desha,

Resolved, That the report of the committee on the public expenditures on the memorial and accounts of colonel James Thomas, quartermaster general, made February 5, 1817, and laid upon the table, be referred to the attorney general of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Merrill,

against the United States, and to repeal the acts therein mentioned; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting his report on the petition of John Kilgore, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 18, 1818.

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan have leave of absence from the service of this House, from this day for the balance of the session.

Mr. Irving, of New York, presented a petition of Thomas Vermilya, representing his claim against the government of France, on account of the illegal seizure, and condemnation of his ship, the *Ganges*, by the officers of that government, in the Isle of France, in the year 1798; and praying, that in the adjustment of the claim of the heirs of the late Caron de Beaumarchais, his case may be taken into consideration, and the amount of his demand paid out of the sum which may be awarded to the said heirs.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of Richard Pray & Co. praying to be allowed to purchase a tract of land in the state of Ohio, on an extended credit.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of Nathaniel Champe, on behalf of himself, and the widow and other children of John Champe, deceased, sergeant major of lieutenant colonel Henry Lee's squadron of dragoons, in the revolutionary army, praying that some provision may be made for the support of his mother, and that a grant of land may be made to himself and her other children, in consideration of the secret, but eminent, and highly important services, rendered by their father, under the orders and directions of the late general Washington.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the territory of Missouri, praying that their respective titles to lands in said territory may be confirmed.

Mr. Scott also presented a petition of Amable Partenay, praying that her title to a tract of land in the territory of Missouri, may also be confirmed.

An act to provide for the erection of a courthouse, jail, and public offices, within the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia;

An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States, within the state of Mississippi; and,

An act to authorize the payment of certain certificates; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill, entitled an act for the relief of Purley Keyes and Jason Fairbanks, was read the third time, and on the question, shall it pass?

It was determined in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee of Elections, on the petition of C. Hammond, contesting the election and return of Samuel Herrick, one of the members for the state of Ohio; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pleasants reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said report.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill in addition to the "Act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States," and to repeal the acts therein mentioned; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 19, 1818.

Mr. Irving presented a petition of William G. Jones, stating that he is confined in prison, in the city of New York, on executions against him at the suit of the United States; that the Secretary of the Treasury has ordered his discharge upon payments of costs, which he states he is utterly unable to do, and praying to be released without the payment of the said costs.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Erastus Spalding, praying compensation for damages committed on his property by troops of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, praying that additional duties may be imposed on iron imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill to increase the duties on iron in bars and bolts, iron in pigs, castings, nails, and alum, and to disallow the drawback of duties on the re-exportation of gunpowder.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of William Lancaster Whitfield, and William Thomas Barnes, British subjects and merchants, residing in Kingston, in the island of Jamaica, stating, that in the year 1813, while their vessel, called the Louisa, with a valuable cargo, belonging to them, was proceeding to a British port, her crew mutinied, and carried her into the port of Castine, where the vessel and cargo were libelled, condemned, and sold, one half of the proceeds of which were paid into the Treasury of the *United* States; and praying the restitution thereof.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Walker, of Kentucky, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Logan county, in the state of Kentucky, praying that a post office may be established at Mount Gilead, in said county.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Lemuel H. Osgood, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be *rejected*.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill for the relief of Frederick Brown, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Benjamin Birdsall, and William F. Forster.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act extending the time for obtaining military land warrants, and for other purposes," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-day.

The said bill was, accordingly, read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road in the territory of Missouri, from Franklin, in Howard county, to Chariton, in the same county.

Mr. Taylor presented the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the mem-

bers of Congress, the delegates from territories, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, be, and they are, hereby authorized to transmit, free of postage, the message of the President of the United States, of the 14th day of March, 1818, and the documents accompanying the same, printed by order of the Senate, and by order of the House of Representatives, to any post office within the United States, and the territories thereof.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

The said resolution being engrossed, was, accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be, "A resolution authorizing the transportation of certain documents free of postage," and that the Clerk carry the same to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Spencer submitted the following resolution which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That unless otherwise specially directed by the House, six hundred copies shall be struck of all such matter as may be directed to be printed, except bills and amendments:

That the said six hundred copies shall be disposed of, and distributed in the following manner, to wit:

Two hundred copies shall be retained in the Printing Office, and at the close of each session be disposed of and distributed, conformably with the provisions of the resolution of the 27th of December, 1813. - - - - - - - 200

The remaining four hundred copies shall be deposited by the Printer in the post office of the House, from time to time, as the work may be executed, pursuant to his contract, and shall be promptly distributed by the doorkeeper of the House, as follows, to wit:

On the desk of each member and delegate, one copy,	187
On the Speaker's table, - - - - - - - -	2
On the Clerk's table, - - - - - - - - -	2
In the Clerk's office, - - - - - - - -	4
To the President of the Senate, for the use of the Senate,	50
To the President of the United States, - - - -	5
To the Secretary of State, - - - - - -	25
of the Treasury, - - - - -	6
of War, - - - - - - - -	5
of the Navy, - - - - - -	5
To the Attorney General, - - - - - - -	5
To the Commissioners of the Navy Board, - - -	5
To the Auditors of the Treasury, five copies each, -	25
To the Comptroller of the Treasury, - - - - -	5
To the Register of the Treasury, - - - - -	5
To the Postmast General, - - - - - - -	5
To the Commissioner of the General Land Office, -	5
of the Revenue, - - - - -	5

To the Commissioner of Claims for property lost, &c. -	2
of the Public Buildings - -	1
To such foreign ministers as reside at the Seat of Government, or consuls, in case of no resident ministers, two each, supposed to amount to nine, - - - - - -	18
To the Public Printer, - - - - - - - - -	1
To the Librarian, - - - - - - - - -	2
The residue to be bound up, at the end of the session to be deposited in the Clerk's office, as heretofore,	25
	600

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to inform this House, whether a distribution has been made of the journals and documents, published under the order of the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, pursuant to the *joint resolution* of the 27th of December, 1813, and what further provision is necessary to ensure the transmission of the said journals and documents according to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, on the 18th instant, approve and sign an enrolled bill, entitled "An act providing for the sale of certain lands in the district of Marietta, and for the location of claims, and sale of certain lands in the district of Vincennes." They have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act for altering the term of holding the district court, for the district of Virginia;" and they have passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act to adjust the claims to lots in the town of Vincennes, and for the sale of the land appropriated as a common for use of the inhabitants of the said town.
2. An act for the relief of John Small.
3. An act respecting the surveying and sale of the public lands in the Alabama territory.
4. An act to defray the expenses of the militia, when marching to places of rendezvous.
5. An act for the relief of Ashael Clark.
6. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to repay or remit certain alien duties therein described; in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The first and third mentioned of the said bills were, respectively, read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The second mentioned of the said bills, was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

The fourth mentioned of the said bills, was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

The fifth mentioned of the said bills, was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The last mentioned of the said bills, was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The resolution from the Senate, "directing the distribution of the laws of the 14th Congress, among the members of the 15th Congress," was read the third time, and passed as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill in addition to the "Act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States," and to repeal the acts therein mentioned; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the same with amendments, which were read, and together with the bill, ordered to lie on the table.

Another message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the resolution "authorizing the transportation of certain documents free of postage."

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for altering the time for holding the district court for the district of Virginia;" and an enrolled resolution, "authorizing the transportation of certain documents, free of postage," and had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bill and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee of Elections on the petition of C. Hammond, contesting the election and return of Samuel Herrick, one of the representatives from the state of Ohio; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pleasants reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said report.

Mr. Speed, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had presented to the President of the United States, the enrolled bill and resolution, the examination of which was this day reported.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 20, 1818.

Ordered, That Mr. Mills have leave of absence from the service of this House, from this day for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Abbott presented a petition of Charles L. Cazeau, for himself and in behalf of the other representatives of Francis Cazeau, deceased, stating, that the moneys granted at the last session of Congress, to the legal representatives of the said Cazeau, late merchant at Montreal, in the British province of Canada, hath been obtained by fraudulent practices, by a certain Francis Corbaux, jun. late of the city of London, in Great Britain, to the great injury of the rightful heirs of the deceased, and praying the interposition of the General Government, in such manner as will afford the necessary relief to himself and the rest of the said heirs.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, on behalf of William Stranahan, praying that the said Stranahan may be permitted to change the entry of a tract of land, purchased of the United States, having, by mistake, entered a tract different from that which he intended to enter, and on which he is actually settled.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Sergeant, from the committee of Ways and Means, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing a drawback upon refined sugar exported from the United States, and to whom was referred a memorial from the merchants and distillers of Boston, praying that a drawback may be allowed upon the exportation of spirits distilled from foreign materials, made a report thereon, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, made a report on the petition of Sampson S. King, which was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of Sampson S. King, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act allowing additional salary and clerk hire to the surveyor for the Illinois and Missouri territories, and for other purposes," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson also reported the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to vest, in trust, certain sections of land in the legislature of the state of Ohio," without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Michael Jones, and that it be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary claims, made a report on the petition of John Delafield, which was read; when,

Mr. Rhea reported a bill for the relief of the said John Delafield, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Rhea, also made a report on the petition of Samuel Burr, which was read; when,

Mr. Rhea reported a bill for the relief of the said Samuel Burr, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Forney, from the committee on Military Affairs, made a report on the petition of Ann Wattles, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to *withdraw* her petition.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Jonathan Cressy, and that it be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Ordered, That the resolution of the general assembly of Maryland, respecting the establishment of a naval depot within the said state, laid before this House on the 25th ultimo, be referred to a select committee; and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, Mr. Irving, of N. Y. Mr. Mason, of Rhode Island, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Mason, of Massachusetts, Mr. Anderson, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Simkins were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from South Hadley, through Amherst, West Parish, to Sunderland, all in the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate concur in the amendment proposed by this House to the resolution "directing the distribution of the laws of the 14th Congress, among the members of the fifteenth Congress;" as also, in the amendment to the resolution "directing the publication and distribution of the journal and proceedings of the convention which formed the present Constitution of the United States."

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Speed,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the indorsement on each patent for military bounty land, the surveyor's de-

And determined in the negative, { Yeas.....74, Nays.....77.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,
Adams,
Allen, *Mass.*
Anderson, *Ken.*
Austin,
Ball,
Babour, *Va.*
Bateman,
Bayley,
Beecher,
Bellinger,
Bennett,
Burwell,
Claiborne,
Cook,
Crawford,
Cushman,
Darlington,
Edwards,
Ervin, *S. C.*
Floyd,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Garnett,
Hogg,
Mr. Holmes, *Con.*
Hopkinson,
Huntington,
Irving, *N. Y.*
Johnson, *Va.*
Little,
Lowndes,
M'Lane,
Marr,
Mason, *R. I.*
Middleton,
Jer. Nelson,
H. Nelson,
Owen,
Pawling,
Peter,
Pindall,
Pleasants,
Reed,
Rhea,
Rice,
Richards,
Robertson, *Lou.*
Ruggles,
Sawyer,
Mr. Schuyler,
Sergeant,
Seybert,
Sherwood,
Simkins,
Slocumb,
S. Smith,
Bal. Smith,
J. S. Smith,
Speed,
Stewart, *N. C.*
Terrell,
Terry,
Tompkins,
Tucker, *Va.*
Tucker, *S. C.*
Walker, *Ken.*
Wendover,
Westerlo,
Whiteside,
Williams, *Con.*
Williams, *N. Y.*
Williams, *N. C.*
Wilson, *Mass.* 74

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Allen, *Vt.*
Anderson, *Pen.*
Baldwin,
Barber, *Ohio,*
Bassett,
Bloomfield,
Blount,
Boden,
Boss,
Butler,
Campbell,
Clagett,
Cobb,
Comstock,
Mr. Crafts,
Cruger,
Culbreth,
Desha,
Earle,
Ellicott,
Folger
Gage,
Hale,
Hall, *Del.*
Harrison,
Hasbrouck,
Herkimer,
Hitchcock,
Mr. Holmes, *Mass.*
Hubbard,
Hunter,
Johnson, *Ken.*
Jones,
Kinsey,
Kirtland,
Lawyer,
Linn,
Livermore,
W. P. Maclay,
M'Coy,
Marchand,
Mason, *Mass.*

Mr. Abbott,
Adams,
Allen, *Mass.*
Anderson, *Ken.*
Austin,
Ball,
Barbour, *Va.*
Bateman,
Bayley,
Beecher,
Bellinger,
Bennett,
Claiborne,
Cook,
Crawford,
Cushman,
Darlington,
Edwards,
Floyd,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Garnett,
Hogg,
Holmes, *Con.*
Mr. Hopkinson,
Huntington,
Irving, *N. Y.*
Johnson, *Va.*
Little,
Lowndes,
M'Lane,
Marr,
Mason, *R. I.*
Jer. Nelson,
H. Nelson,
Owen,
Pawling,
Peter,
Pindall,
Pleasants,
Reed,
Rhea,
Rice,
Richards,
Robertson, *Lou.*
Ruggles,
Sawyer,
Mr. Sergeant,
Seybert,
Sherwood,
Simkins,
Slocumb,
S. Smith,
Bal. Smith,
J. S. Smith,
Speed,
Stewart, *N. C.*
Terrell,
Terry,
Tompkins,
Tucker, *Va.*
Tucker, *S. C.*
Walker, *Ken.*
Wendover,
Westerlo,
Whiteside,
Williams, *Con.*
Williams, *N. Y.*
Williams, *N. C.*
Wilson, *Mass.* 70

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements prepared in obedience to a resolution of the House of the 29th December last, which was referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did, on the 18th instant, approve and sign,

An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, during the revolutionary war;

An act to provide for the relief of Israel Smith;

An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1818; and,

A resolution directing the judges of the supreme court to be furnished with Wait's State Papers; and, on the 19th instant,

An act for altering the time of holding the district court for the District of Virginia; and,

A resolution authorizing the transpontation of certain documents free of postage.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Monroe also delivered in a message, in writing, which was read, and is as follows:

To the Senate, and House
of Representatives of the United States:

In the course of the last summer a negotiation was commenced with the government of the Netherlands, with a view to the revisal and modification of the commercial treaty existing between the two countries adapted to their present circumstances.

The report from the Secretary of State, which I now lay before Congress, will show the obstacles which arose in the progress of the conferences between the respective plenipotentiaries, and which resulted in the agreement between them to refer the subject to the consideration of their respective governments. As the difficulties appear to be of a nature which may perhaps, for the present, be more easily removed by reciprocal legislative regulations, formed in the spirit of amity and conciliation, than by conventional stipulations, Congress may think it adviseable to leave the subsisting treaty in its present state, and to meet the liberal exemption from discriminating tonnage duties, which has been conceded in the Netherlands to the vessels of the United States, by a similar exemption to the vessels of the Netherlands which have arrived or may hereafter arrive in our ports, commencing from the time when the exemption was granted to the vessels of the United States. I would further recommend to the consideration of Congress, the expediency of extending the benefit of the same regulation, to commence from the passage of the law, to the vessels of Prussia, Hamburg, and Bremen; and of making it prospectively general in favor of every nation in whose ports the vessels of the United States are admitted on the same footing as their own.

JAMES MONROE.

March 19, 1818.

Ordered, That the said message be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 21, 1818.

Mr. Parrott presented a petition of James W. Low, on behalf of himself and William Driskell, Heronimus Steeniker, and Samuel W. Southworth, stating, that during the late war with Great Britain, they were captured at sea by a British cruizer, and after being transferred to sundry vessels, they succeeded in capturing one of them, by rising upon, and overpowering the crew, and brought her into the United States, where she was libelled, condemned, and sold; and praying that such part of the proceeds of the said sale may be awarded to them, as in the wisdom of Congress may seem meet and proper.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Gage presented a petition of Oliver Herrick, praying compensation for a wagon and team sold to the United States in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of James Brooke, and others, praying for the remission of the penalty of a bond given by them to the United States, to ensure the execution of a contract for supplying the said states with 4000 stands of arms; as also, that certain moneys advanced on said contract may also be given up to them, in consideration of the entire loss of their manufactory by fire.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Isaac Williams, a petition of William Ramsay, a petition of Charles Sexton, a petition of George Hacker, a petition of Nancy Ferguson, and a petition of More Henley, respectively praying that their title to lands in the territory of Missouri may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scott also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Cape Girardeau, in the territory of Missouri, praying the title to a tract of land in said county, granted by the former Spanish government, for the benefit of a public school, may be confirmed to the trustees of said school.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, made reports on the petitions of Richard Pray & Co. and James Gary; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the Honse, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Richard Pray & Co. ought *not* to be granted, and that James Garey have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to repay, or remit, certain alien duties therein described," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee of Accounts be discharged from the further consideration of the second resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Spencer, respecting the delay in printing and distributing the list of persons holding offices under the government of the United States.

Edwards, and John G. Stubbs;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith:

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act allowing additional salary and clerk hire, to the surveyor for the Illinois and Missouri territories, and for other purposes;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. H. Nelson reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee of Elections in the case of Elias Earle, one of the representatives from the state of South Carolina; and on the report of the same committee, in the case of George Mumford, one of the representatives from the state of North Carolina; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the agreement of the committee of the whole, to the resolutions contained in the said reports, which are as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That Elias Earle, is entitled to a seat in this House.

Resolved, That George Mumford is entitled to a seat in this House.

The question was then taken to concur with the committee of the whole, in their agreement to the first resolution;

And passed in the affirmative.

The question was then taken to concur with the committee of the whole in their agreement to the second resolution;

And also passed in the affirmative.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to extend the privilege of franking, to vaccine agents of states and terrritories; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resamed the chair, and Mr. Alexander Smyth reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill authorizing John Taylor to be placed on the list of navy p a-sioners; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. H. Nelson reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrosed and read a third time, on Monday.

The House, resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the amendment reported by the committee of Claims, to the bill for the relief of John Bate; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the concurrence of the committee of the whole in the said amendment.

A motion was then made by Mr. Claiborne, to amend the said bill as amended, by striking out these words, to wit: "*also, to make such reduction in the rent, stipulated to be paid by the said John Bate, as shall appear just and equitable, in consequence of any deterioration in the quality, or diminution in the quantity of water in said saline, as may be proven to his satisfaction; as also.*"

Mr. Marr moved that the said bill lie on the table;

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Claiborne;

And also determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill, as amended, be engrossed and read a third time, on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill confirming the claim of William Daniel, or his legal representatives, to a tract of land lying in the state of Mississippi; to which committee of the whole was also committed the bill confirming the claim of Tobias Rheams, to a tract of land granted to him by the Spanish government; the bill for the relief of Narcissus Broutin, and others, and the bill for the relief of Daniel Burnet, Gibson Clark, and the legal representatives of Hubert Rowel; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the first and third mentioned bills with amendments, and the second and last mentioned bills without amendment.

The amendment to the bill confirming the claim of William Daniel, or his legal representatives, to a tract of land lying in the state of Mississippi, was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time, on Monday next.

The amendments to the bill for the relief of Narcissus Broutin, and they were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Ordered, That the bill confirming the claim of Tobias Rheams to a tract of land, granted to him by the Spanish government; and the bill for the relief of Daniel Burnet, Gibson Clark, and the legal representatives of Hubert Rowel, be engrossed, and severally read a third time, on Monday next.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of David Gelston, on behalf

of himself and Peter A. Schenck, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, March 23, 1818.

Mr. Palmer presented a petition of Solomon Scixas, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Palmer, also presented a petition of Nathan Carver and Lucy Gregory, administrators on the estate of John M. Grant, deceased, praying compensation for damages committed on the property of the deceased, while in the occupation of the troops of the United States.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of James Casety, praying compensation for property taken from him by the British government, in the revolutionary war, as also, for great personal sufferings which the said government inflicted on him, in consequence of his attachment to the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Hubbard also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Madison county, in the state of New York, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Speaker presented a petition of the legislative council, and house of representatives, of the territory of Alabama, praying to be invested with power to incorporate companies in said territory, for the purpose of constructing turnpike roads, with exclusive privileges and right of toll.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Alexander Brident, and a petition of Jean Le Basque, praying that their titles to lands in the territory of Missouri may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the governor of the state of Pennsylvania, enclosing a return of the election of Thomas J. Rogers, a representative from that state, in the place of John Ross, resigned; which was referred to the committee of elections.

Mr. Forsyth, from the committee on Foreign Relations, who was instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a con-

close of each session of Congress, an alphabetical index, of the acts and joint resolutions, passed at the preceeding session, shall be prepared, printed, and distributed therewith, under the direction of the Secretary for the Department State.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Whitman be appointed of the committee to whom were referred the several petitions from the territory of Missouri, for admission into the Union, in the place of Mr. Mills, who is absent on leave.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee of the whole, to the bill in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and to repeal the acts therein mentioned; and the said amendments being read, were concurred in by the House, except that which proposed adding a new section to the bill, as follows:

Sec. 14. *And be it further enacted, That in prosecutions either against persons or property, sailing under the flag of any colony, district or people, which shall be admitted into the ports of the United States, it shall not be deemed a ground for the punishment or condemnation of such person or property, that the sovereignty of such colony, district or people, has not been acknowledged by the United States: Provided, That the colony, district or people aforesaid, have an organized existing government, claiming to be independent, at the time of the commission of the fact of which the persons are charged.*

Mr. Lowndes then moved to amend the said section, by striking out these words, to wit: "*which shall be admitted into the ports of the United States;*" and in lieu thereof, to insert, "if such flag shall be directed to be admitted into the ports of the United States, by instructions from the President of the United States, to the several collectors of the customs, which instructions, he is hereby authorized to issue."

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, then moved to amend the said section as follows, viz:

After the word "people," in the second line, strike out the words "*which shall be,*" and to insert after the words "*United States,*" where they first occur, these words, "*under the instructions of the President of the United States, to the several collectors of the customs,*"

A motion was then made by Mr. Lowndes, that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative. { Yeas.....72, Nays.....79.

Mr. Spencer,	Mr. Tucker, *Va.*	Mr. Wallace,	
Tallmadge,	Tucker, *S. C.*	Wendover,	
Tarr,	Tyler,	Whiteside,	
Terrell,	Walker, *N. C.*	Wilkin,	
Tompkins,	Walker, *Ken.*	Wilson, *Pen.*	79
Trimble,			

The question recurred upon the amendment proposed by Mr. Tucker; and being taken;

It passed in the affirmative.

The said section being further amended, was concurred in by the House;

And a motion was made by Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, further to amend the said bill by striking out the 10th and 11th sections thereof.

The said 10th section is as follows.

"That the owners or consignees of every armed ship or vessel, sailing out of the ports of the United States, belonging wholly, or in part to the citizens thereof, shall enter into bond to the United States, with sufficient sureties, prior to clearing out the same, in double the amount of the value of the vessel, and cargo on board, including her armament, that the said ship or vessel shall not be employed by such owners to cruise, or commit hostilities against the subjects, citizens or property of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district or people with whom the United States are at peace."

A division of the question on the motion to strike out the said sections was called for;

And being put on striking out the 10th section;

It was determined in negative, { Yeas.....44, Nays.....95.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Anderson, *Pen.*	Mr. Herkimer,	Mr. Porter,	
Anderson, *Ken.*	Johnson, *Va.*	Quarles,	
Bellinger,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Robertson, *Lou.*	
Campbell,	Kinsey,	Sawyer,	
Claiborne,	Little,	Settle,	
Comstock,	Marchand,	Shaw,	
Cruger,	Marr,	Spencer,	
Culbreth,	Mumford,	Tarr,	
Desha,	H. Nelson,	Trimble,	
Earle,	T. M. Nelson,	Tucker, *Va.*	
Floyd,	New,	Tyler,	
Folger,	Ogle,	Walker, *Ken,*	
Forney,	Owen,	Wallace,	
Gage,	Patterson,	Whiteside,	44
Harrison,	Poindexter,		

Mr. Desha,	Mr. Marr,	Mr. Seybert,
Edwards,	Merrill,	Shaw,
Ellicott,	Moore,	Silsbee,
Floyd,	Mumford,	S. Smith,
Forney,	Murray,	Bal. Smith,
Forsyth,	H. Nelson,	Speed,
Hale,	T. M. Nelson,	Spencer,
Hall, *N. C.*	New,	Strother,
Harrison,	Ogle,	Tallmadge,
Hasbrouck,	Owen,	Tarr,
Herkimer,	Palmer,	Taylor,
Hitchcock,	Parrott,	Terrell,
Hogg,	Patterson,	Tompkins,
Holmes, *Mass.*	Peter,	Townsend,
Hubbard,	Pleasants,	Trimble,
Irving, *N. Y.*	Poindexter,	Tucker, *Va.*
Johnson, *Va.*	Porter,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Jones,	Quarles,	Tyler,
Kinsey,	Rich,	Walker, *N. C.*
Kirtland,	Ringgold,	Walker, *Ken.*
Lawyer,	Robertson, *Ken.*	Wallace,
Linn,	Robertson, *Lou.*	Wendover,
Little,	Sampson,	Whiteside,
Livermore,	Sawyer	Wilkin,
M'Coy,	Scudder,	Wilson, *Pen.* 95
Marchand,	Settle,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hunter,	Mr. Rice,
Allen, *Mass.*	Huntington,	Richards,
Allen, *Vt.*	Lowndes,	Ruggles,
Baldwin,	M'Lane,	Schuyler,
Bayley,	W. P. Maclay,	Sergeant,
Bennett,	Mason, *Mass.*	Slocumb,
Boss.	Mason, *R. I.*	Alex. Smyth,
Clagett,	Mercer,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Cobb,	Middleton,	Strong,
Cushman,	Moseley,	Stuart, *Md.*
Darlington,	Jer. Nelson,	Terry,
Earle,	Ogden,	Westerlo,
Folger,	Pawling,	Whitman,
Gage,	Pindall,	Williams, *Con.*
Hall, *Del.*	Pitkin,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Holmes, *Con.*	Reed,	Williams, *N. C.*
Hopkinson,	Rhea,	Wilson, *Mass.* 51

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, on Wednesday next.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act authorizing John Jaylor to be placed on the list of navy pensioners;

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of John Anderson, praying that the bills which have been reported at this session for his relief, may be taken up and finally disposed of, with as little delay as possible.

Ordered, That the said petition lie on the table.

Mr. Little, from the committee of Accounts, who were instructed by resolution to inquire into the causes of delay, in laying on the tables of the members of this House, the message of the President of the United States, of the 14th instant, with its accompanying documents, made a report thereon, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of John Fanning, and Dennis Ferrall, and that they have leave to withdraw their respective petitions and documents.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Frederick Halsey, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be *rejected.*

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of Adam Kinsley and Thomas French, which was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of the said Adam Kinsley and Thomas French, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. M'Lane, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made a report on the petition of Oliver H. Hicks, and Lockwood de Forest, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill concerning the territory of Alabama, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, on Saturday next.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of Jarius Loomis and James Bassett, sailing-masters in the Navy of the United States, and commanding gun vessels, Nos. 149, and 154, which was read; when,

Mr. Pleasants reported a bill authorizing the payment of a sum of money to the officers and crews of gun boats Nos. 149, and 154, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, on Thursday next.

Mr. Pleasants also reported a bill concerning the heirs and legatees of Thomas Turner, deceased, which was read the first and

tofore given notice of, or filed with either of the boards of commissioners, in said territory, or with the recorder of land titles, acting as such under any law of Congress, for the adjustment of land titles in said territory, or if any such location should have been made, to prohibit by law, the issuing of patents therefor.

Resolved, also, That the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting by law, the location of any floating claim, in the territory of Missouri, on any town lot, village lot, out lot, common field lot, or common, in, adjoining, or appertaining to any of the towns or villages, in the territory of Missouri, or if any such location shall have been made, to prohibit by law, the issuing of patents therefor.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Narcissus Broutin, and others," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed resolution "directing the Secretary for the Department of State, to prepare an index to the acts and resolutions of Congress, after the close of every session," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to alter the flag of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the same without amendment.

The House proceeded to consider the said bill, the first section of which is as follows:

"That from and after the 4th day of July next, the flag of the United States be, thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be twenty stars, white, in a blue field."

A motion was made by Mr. Poindexter, to amend the said section by striking out the word *twenty*, and inserting *seven;* which was rejected by the House; and,

Mr. Folger moved to amend the said section by striking out *twenty*, and inserting *thirteen;* and also, to strike out the 2d section of the said bill. This motion was also rejected by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making appropiations for the support of government for the year 1818; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 25, 1818.

Mr. Folger presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Barnstable county, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that a light house may be erected on Wenoemet neck, instead of Bird island.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of Albert Tison, praying that his titles to lands in the territory of Missouri, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee of Elections, made the following report, which were ordered to lie on the table:

"That they have examined the certificates of election, and other credentials, of Thomas J. Rogers, a representative from the state of Pennsylvania, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of John Ross, and find the same sufficient to entitle him to a seat in this House.

"They have also examined the certificates of election of John Crowel, and find the same sufficient to entitle him to a seat in this House, as delegate from the territory of Alabama."

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Anne Wilson, and that it be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Marr,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what further provisions of law are necessary, for preventing waste, and trespass, on that portion of the public lands, which have been, or may hereafter be reserved, for the use of schools.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act regulating the pay and emoluments of brevet rank," was read the second time and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing a subscription for the 11th volume of State Papers," was read the second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit:

"An act respecting the district courts of the United States, within the state of New York; and,

"An act to alter the time of holding the circuit court in the southern district of New York, and for other purposes," with amendments to each; in which they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The amendments to each of the said bills were read, and severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The House took up and proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 19th instant, providing for the distribution of the documents printed by order of the House, and agreed thereto, amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That unless otherwise specially directed by the House, 600 copies shall be struck, of all such matter as may be directed to be printed, except bills and amendments.

That the said 600 copies shall be disposed of, and distributed in the following manner, to wit:

Two hundred copies shall be retained in the Printing Office, and, at the close of each session, be disposed of and distributed, conformably with the provisions of the resolution of the 27th December, 1813.

The remaining four hundred copies shall be deposited by the Printer, in the post office of the House, from time to time as the work may be executed, pursuant to his contract, and shall be promptly distributed by the doorkeeper of the House, as follows, to wit:

On the desk of each member and delegate, one copy,	187
On the Speaker's table,	2
On the Clerk's table,	2
In the Clerk's office,	4
To the President of the Senate for the use of the Senate,	50
To the President of the United State,	5
To the Secretary of State,	25
the Treasury,	6
War,	5
the Navy,	5
To the Attorney General,	5
To the Commissioners of the Navy Board,	5
To the Auditors of the Treasury, 5 copies each,	25
Comptroller of the Treasury,	5
Register of the Treasury,	5
Postmaster general,	5
Commissioner of the General Land Office,	5
Revenue,	5
Public Buildings,	1
To such foreign ministers as reside at the Seat of Government, or consuls, in case of no resident minister, 2 each, supposed to amount to nine,	18
To the Public Printer,	1
Librarian,	2
The residue to be bound up, at the end of the session to be deposited in the Clerk's office as heretofore,	27
	600

and 7th articles of the treaty of Ghent; specifying the items of expenditure in relation to each.

JAMES MONROE.

The second of the said messages was read, and is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

In conformity with the resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 5th of December last, I now transmit a report of the Secretary of State, with a copy of the documents which it is thought proper to communicate, relating to the independence, and political condition, of the provinces of Spanish America.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, March 25, 1818.

The last of the said messages was read, and is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I now lay before Congress all the information in the possession of the executive, respecting the war with the Seminoles, and the measures which it has been thought proper to adopt, for the safety of our fellow citizens, on the frontier exposed to their ravages. The enclosed documents show, that the hostilities of this tribe were unprovoked, the offspring of a spirit long cherished, and often manifested towards the United States, and that, in the present instance, it was extending itself to other tribes, and daily assuming a more serious aspect. As soon as the nature and object of this combination were perceived, the major general commanding the southern division of the troops of the United States, was ordered to the theatre of action, charged with the management of the war, and vested with the powers necessary to give it effect. The season of the year being unfavorable to active operations, and the recesses of the country affording shelter to these savages, in case of retreat, may prevent a prompt termination of the war, but it may be fairly presumed, that it will not be long before this tribe, and its associates, receive the punishment which they have provoked, and justly merited.

As almost the whole of this tribe inhabits the country within the limits of Florida, Spain was bound, by the treaty of 1795, to restrain them from committing hostilities against the United States. We have seen with regret, that her government has altogether failed to fulfil this obligation, nor are we aware that it made any effort to that effect. When we consider her utter inability to check, even in the slightest degree, the movements of this tribe, by her very small and incompetent force in Florida, we are not disposed to ascribe the failure to any other cause. The inability, however, of Spain, to maintain her authority over the territory, and Indians within her

limits, and in consequence to fulfil the treaty, ought not to expose the United States to other and greater injuries. When the authority of Spain ceases to exist there, the United States have a right to pursue their enemy, on a principle of self defence. In this instance, the right is more complete and obvious, because we shall perform only, what Spain was bound to have performed herself. To the high obligations and privileges of this great and sacred right of self defence, will the movement of our troops be strictly confined. Orders have been given to the general in command, not to enter Florida, unless it be in pursuit of the enemy, and in that case, to respect the Spanish authority, wherever it is maintained, and he will be instructed to withdraw his forces from the province, as soon as he shall have reduced that tribe, to order, and secure our fellow citizens, in that quarter, by satisfactory arrangements, against its unprovoked and savage hostilities in future.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, March 25, 1818.

Ordered, That the said messages, and their accompanying documents, lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 26, 1818.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of Ezra Dunham, praying to be allowed in the settlement of his accounts, as collector of direct taxes and internal duties, a sum of public money of which he was robbed, by persons unknown to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Ogden presented a petition of Jasper Parish, praying compensation for damages committed on his property by the troops of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Pope presented a petition of Isaac Gillham, David M. Gillham, Thomas Cummings, Daniel Cornelius, and Blackstone Howard, praying for the pre-emption right in the purchase of the lands on which they reside.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made reports on the petitions of John Rollins, and Gregoire Sarpy, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of John Rollins be *rejected*, and that Gregoire Sarpy have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of John Johnson, Hardy Perry, Richard Cravat, Beley Cheney, the legal representatives of John M'Grew, and the legal representatives of John Turnbull, of the Alabama territory, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the relief of John Kennedy, and Henry Nail, or their legal representatives.

Mr. Poindexter, from the same committee, also reported a bill for the relief of James Mackay, of the Missouri territory, which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Josiah Bullock.

Mr. Poindexter, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John Small," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-day.

The said bill was, accordingly, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Terrell,

Resolved, That the committee on Commerce and Manufactures, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting the consent of Congress, to an act passed by the legislature of the state of Georgia, allowing fees to the health officer and harbor master, for the port of Darien.

On motion of Mr. James S. Smith,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing some other person, than the President of the United States, to sign patents for soldiers' bounty lands.

On motion of Mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be instructed to lay before this House, the proceedings of the court martial, held for the trial of Franklin Wharton, lieutenant colonel of marines.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to the House of Representatives, in compliance with their resolution of March the 20th, such information, not heretofore communicated, as is in the possession of the Executive, relating to the occupation of Amelia Island. If any doubt had before existed, of the improper conduct of the persons who authorized, and of those who were engaged in the invasion, and previous occupancy of that Island, of the unfriendly spirit towards the United States, with which it was commenced and prosecuted, and of its in-

jurious effect on their highest interests, particularly by its tendency to compromit them with foreign powers, in all the unwarrantable acts of the adventurers, it is presumed that these documents would remove it. It appears by the letter of Mr. Pazos, agent of commodore Aury, that the project of seizing the Floridas, was formed and executed, at a time when it was understood that Spain had resolved to cede them to the United States, and to prevent such cession from taking effect. The whole proceeding, in every stage and circumstance, was unlawful. The commission to general M'Gregor, was granted at Philadelphia, in direct violation of a positive law, and all the measures pursued under it, by him, in collecting his force, and directing its movements, were equally unlawful. With the conduct of these persons, I have always been unwilling to connect any of the colonial governments, because I never could believe that they had given their sanction, either to the project in its origin, or to the measures which were pursued in the execution of it. These documents confirm the opinion which I have invariably entertained, and expressed in their favor.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, March 26, 1818.

The said message was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of Elections be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the United States, of the 29th December last, transmitting a list of such members of this House, as have held offices since the 4th March last.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in obedience to a resolution of the 28th January last, statements in relation to the expenses of general courts martial from 1st August, 1812, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill of this House, entitled "An act to alter the time for holding a session of the district court in the District of Maine;" and they have passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Cata Bunnell;

An act concerning the bounty, or allowance, to fishing vessels, in certain cases; and,

An act for the relief of Samuel Ward; in which bills, they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The first of the said bills from the Senate, was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The second of the said bills, was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The last of the said bills, was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

A motion was made by Mr. Poindexter, that the order of the day, for the House again to resolve itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1818, be postponed until to-morrow.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

The House then again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the said bill; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 27, 1818.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Abner Curtis, praying compensation for his vessel, which was captured by the British in the late war, while conveying a load of shiptimber for the use of the navy of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Palmer presented a petition of Marinus Francis Durand, barrackmaster in the army of the United States, praying compensation for his services in the capacity aforesaid, which has been withheld for two years, in consequence of a failure on the part of his superior officers to settle their accounts.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Palmer also presented a petition of Thomas Chamberlain, praying that the penalty recovered against him for selling spirituous liquors without a license, may be remitted, or that the sale of his property may be postponed until he shall have settled his accounts against the United States, for work done, and supplies furnished the army in the late war with Great Britain, and the amount thereof paid to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Rich, from the committee of Claims, to which was referred two reports of the Commissioner of Claims, containing the reports of the facts in one hundred and fifty-eight cases of applications for payment for property destroyed by the enemy in Buffalo, and its vicinity, on the Niagara frontier, from the 19th December, 1813, and

the 1st of January, 1814, both inclusive, made a report thereon, which was read; when,

Mr. Rich reported a bill for the relief of the sufferers on the Niagara frontier, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Miller & Baker.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, made a favorable report on the petition of George W. Wells, which was read and committed to the committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of major Loring Austin.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of Kenzie & Forsyth, which was read; when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of Kenzie & Forsyth, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Neil M'Coy, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted, and that he have leave to *withdraw the papers* accompanying his petition.

Mr. Rhea reported a bill for the relief of Cornelia Mason, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Alexander Lanier, James Morrow, and Solomon Sicxas, and that they be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. M'Lane, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made a report on the petition of Thomas Hutchinson, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Beecher, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported their agreement to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act respecting the district courts of the United States, within the state of New York."

The said amendments were read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Beecher also reported the agreement of the said committee to the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the circuit court in the southern district of New York, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the said amendment be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Herbert from the committee appointed on the petition of John Darnall, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the relief of the said John Darnall, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, submitted the following resolution, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be instructed to have the act of Congress providing for the surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army, together with such rules as he may think proper to prescribe in relation to said act, printed, and that one copy of said act and rules be transmitted to each of the clerks of the courts of record in the United States, and the territories thereof.

On motion of Mr. Pindall,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law, touching the prosecution of petitions of right, and informations of intrusion, in the federal courts, in cases wherein the United States are concerned; and,

Mr. Pindall, Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Tallmadge, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Claiborne,

Resolved, That the President's message, and accompanying documents, upon the subject of the expenses incurred under the 4th 5th, 6th, and 7th articles of the treaty of Ghent, be referred to a committee; and that they be instructed to inquire into the nature and causes of said expenses; also, into the principles upon which the commissioners, under the 6th, and 7th articles of said treaty have heretofore proceeded in the execution thereof, and that said committee make a detailed report thereon, for which purpose they shall have power to send for such persons and papers as they may deem necessary; and,

Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, Mr. Robertson, of Kentucky, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Williams, of Connecticut, were apppointed said committee.

Mr. M'Lane, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning the bounty or allowance to fishing vessels, in certain cases," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-day.

The said bill was, accordingly, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act regulating the staff of the army;

2. An act regulating the fees of public notaries, in the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia;

3. An act to incorporate a fire insurance company in the city of Washington;

4. An act to make valid certain acts of the justices of the peace, in the District of Columbia; and,

5. An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to authorize the state of Tennessee to issue grants, and perfect titles to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to the vacant and unappropriated land within the same," passed the 18th of April, 1806; in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The last mentioned of the said bills was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time, to-day.

The said bill was, accordingly, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The residue of the said bills were, severally, read the first and second time, and the first mentioned thereof, referred to the committee on Millitary Affairs, and the second, third, and fourth, referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1818; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 28, 1818.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of William Edwards, and John G. Stubbs;

An act for the relief of John Small;

An act allowing additional salary and clerk hire to the surveyor for the Illinois and Missouri territories, and for other purposes; and,

An act altering the time for holding a session of the district court in the District of Maine; and had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Richard Bland Lee, Commissioner of Claims, transmitting reports of the facts in

the cases of Jacob B. Gilbert, and Asa Fuller, of the state of New York, with the evidence accompanying each, which were referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Rhea,

Resolved, That the message of the President of the United States, of the 18th of January, 1816, recommending the confirmation of certain grants or reservations of land, made by the friendly Creek Indians, to major general Jackson, Benjamin Hawkins, and others, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, reported a bill making provision for the claim of M. Poirey, as secretary and aid de camp, to major general La Fayette, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of whole, on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the "Resolution directing the Secretary for the Department of State, to prepare an index to the acts and resolutions of Congress, after the close of every session;" and they have passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act for the relief of Michael Hogan;
2. An act for the relief of John G. Bogert; and,
3. An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of government; in which they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The said bills were, severally, read the first and second time, and the two former referred to the committee of Claims, and the latter to the committee of Ways and Means.

An engrossed "Resolution directing the printing and distribution of the act to provide for the surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act concerning the territory of Alabama," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1818; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the said bill with amendments, and asked leave for the committee of the whole to sit again on the remaining orders which have been committed to them.

Ordered, That the said committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the residue of the said orders.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, March 30, 1818.

Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Andrew Derby, and James Doyle, stating, that in July last, while their schooner was lying at anchor at the mouth of the river St. Croix, she was forcibly taken possession of by a party of British seamen, and conveyed to Saint Johns, in the province of New Brunswick, by which unlawful proceedure the petitioners have been subjected to a loss of twelve hundred dollars, and praying such relief in the premises, as to Congress, in their wisdom and justice, may seem meet and proper.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Ogden presented a petition of William Vaughan, a sailing-master in the Navy of the United States, on behalf of himself and others, praying to be allowed a proportion of prize money for the capture of a British gun boat, manned with 18 men, and for the destruction of a ship on the stocks, at Presque Isle, nearly ready to launch, during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a petition of Peter Mills, late a major in the army of the United States, praying compensation for his baggage, which fell into the possession of the enemy, during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Savage presented a petition of Joseph Adams, praying to be exonerated from the payment of certain bonds given to the United States, by a certain James Nichols, to secure the duties on his distillery, on which bonds, the petitioner is surety, in consequence of the insolvency of the principal, who has absconded, together with the other surety, and of his inability to pay the said bonds.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of the general assembly of the state of Mississippi, praying that an act may be passed granting to all persons in said territory, who have, or may forfeit their lands, for nonpayment of the purchase money, on or before the 1st day of May, 1819, the right of pre-emption in the purchase of the lands by them forfeited, respectively.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Campbell presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the states of Ohio and Kentucky, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Seybert from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Martin Warner," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-day.

Mr. Seybert from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made reports on the petitions of William Osborn, Jacob Ritter, jun. and of Hector Scott, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of William Osborn, ought *not* to be granted, and that Jacob Ritter, jun. and Hector Scott, have leave to *withdraw* their respective petitions.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of government," reported the same with amendments, which were read, and, together with the bill committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Resovolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Benjamin Wells, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Ebenezer Stetson, Robert Niles, and Elizur Steel, and that the two former have leave to withdraw their petitions, and that the latter be referred to the Secretary of War,

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Thomas Johnson and Michael Dickson, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, from the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what clerks, or other officers, in either of the Departments, or in any office at the seat of government, have conducted themselves improperly in their official duties, made a report thereon, which was read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

1. Resolved, That it is expedient to prohibit the clerks in the several Departments from acting as agents for claimants against the United States,

2. Resolved, That it is expedient to prohibit the officers in the several Departments from engaging in the business of trade.

3. Resolved, That the several acts relating to the Treasury Department, should be amended, and certain penalties increased.

4. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report a bill, or bills, to carry into effect the above resolutions; and,

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. T. M. Nelson. Mr. Reed, Mr. Southard, Mr. Tallmadge, and Mr. Campbell, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, from the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning, made a report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee appointed on the petition of Gales & Seaton, made a report thereon, which was read; when,

Mr. Robertson reported a bill authorizing a subscription to the History of Congress, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a list of such post routes as have been established more than three years, and have not, in the last year, produced one-third part of the expense of transporting the mail thereon; which was read and referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Speaker also laid before the House, the papers referred to in the report of the Secretary of State, of the 14th instant, accompanying the message of the President of the United States, of the same date, which have been transmitted to him by the Secretary of State, in obedience to the directions of the President of the United States.

Ordered, That the said papers be referred to the committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill and resolution, of the following titles, to wit:

An act respecting the courts of the United States within the state of New York; and,

A resolution directing the Secretary for the Department of State, to prepare an index to the acts and resolutions of Congress, after the close of every session; and had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bill and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the resolution "respecting an adjournment of the first session of the fifteenth Congress," with an amendment, in which they ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have also passed bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of John Bate;

An act for the relief of Abraham Byington;

An act to provide for the erection of a courthouse, jail, and public offices, within the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia;

An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States, within the state of Mississippi.

They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act declaring the consent of Congress, to an act of the state of North Carolina, for the relief of sick and disabled American seamen;

An act for the relief of Louis and Antoine Dequindue; and,

An act for the relief of the president, directors, and company, of the Merchant's Bank of Newport, in Rhode Island;

Resolution directing medals to be struck, and, together with the thanks of Congress, presented to major general Harrison, and governor Shelby, and for other purposes; in which said last mentioned bills and resolution, they ask the concurrence of this House.

They have postponed until the first Monday in July next, bills of this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act to extend the privilege of franking, to vaccine agents of states and territories; and,

An act authorizing the election of a delegate from the Michigan territory to the Congress of the United States, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory.

And they have received official information that the President of the United States did, on the 27th instant, approve and sign enrolled bills and resolutions of the following titles, to wit:

An act extending the time for obtaining military land warrants in certain cases;

An act in addition to an act making appropriations for repairing certain roads therein described;

A resolution directing the distribution of the laws of the 14th Congress, among the members of the 15th Congress; and,

A resolution directing the publication and distribution of the journal and proceedings of the convention which formed the present Constitution of the United States.

And then he withdrew.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee of the whole, to the bill making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1818, and the said amendments being read at the Clerk's table, were concurred in with an amendment.

The said bill being further amended;

Mr. Anderson, of Kentucky, then moved further to amend the same, by inserting after line 280, the following, to wit:

"For an outfit and one year's salary to a minister to the United Provinces of the river Plate, the outfit to be paid, and the salary to commence, whenever the President shall deem it expedient to send

a minister to the government of the said provinces, a sum not exceeding $18,000.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in negative, { Yeas.....45, Nays.....115.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Anderson, *Pen.*	Mr. Gage,	Mr. Porter,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Harrison,	Quarles,
Barber, *Ohio*,	Herkimer,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Bellinger,	Herrick,	Robertson, *Lou.*
Bloomfield,	Holmes, *Mass.*	Rogers,
Blount,	Johnson, *Va.*	Shaw,
Boden,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Spencer,
Claiborne,	Jones,	Tarr,
Comstock,	Kinsey,	Townsend,
Cook,	Merrill,	Trimble,
Crawford,	Murray,	Tucker, *Va.*
Desha,	New,	Upham,
Drake,	Ogle,	Walker, *N. C.*
Earle,	Owen,	Walker, *Ken.*
Floyd,	Patterson,	Whiteside. 45

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Darlington,	Mr. Livermore,
Adams,	Edwards,	Lowndes,
Allen, *Mass.*	Ellicott,	W. P. Maclay,
Allen, *Vt.*	Ervin, *S. C.*	M'Coy,
Austin,	Folger,	Marr,
Baldwin,	Forney,	Mason, *Mass.*
Ball,	Forsyth,	Mason, *R. I.*
Barbour, *Va.*	Garnett,	Mercer,
Bassett,	Hall, *Del.*	Middleton,
Bateman,	Hall, *N. C.*	Moore,
Bayley,	Hasbrouck,	Morton,
Beecher,	Herbert,	Moseley,
Bennett,	Hitchcock,	Mumford,
Boss,	Hogg,	Jer. Nelson,
Burwell,	Holmes, *Con.*	H. Nelson,
Butler,	Hopkinson,	Ogden,
Campbell,	Hubbard,	Palmer,
Clagett,	Hunter,	Parrott,
Cobb,	Huntington,	Pawling,
Colston,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Pindall,
Crafts,	Kirtland,	Pitkin,
Cruger,	Lawyer,	Pleasants,
Culbreth,	Linn,	Poindexter,
Cushman,	Little,	Reed,

Mr. Rhea,	Mr. Silsbee,	Mr. Terry,
Rice,	Simkins,	Tompkins,
Rich,	Slocumb,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Richards,	S. Smith,	Tyler,
Ringgold,	Bal. Smith,	Wallace,
Ruggles,	Alex. Smyth	Wendover,
Sampson,	J. S. Smith,	Westerlo,
Savage,	Speed,	Whitman,
Sawyer,	Stewart, *N. C.*	Williams, *Con.*
Schuyler,	Strong,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Scudder,	Stuart, *Md.*	Williams, *N. C.*
Sergeant,	Tallmadge,	Wilkin,
Settle,	Taylor,	Wilson, *Mass.*
Seybert,	Terrell,	Wilson, *Pen.* 115
Sherwood,		

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Martin Warner," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bills from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the president, directors, and company, of the Merchants' Bank of Newport, in Rhode Island;" and,

"An act for the relief of Louis and Antoine Dequindue," were severally read the first and second time and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the state of North Carolina, for the relief of sick and disabled seamen," was read the first and second time and ordered to be read a third time, to-morrow.

The resolution from the Senate, "directing medals to be struck, and, together with the thanks of Congress, presented to major general Harrison, and governor Shelby, and for other purposes," was read the first and second time and ordered to be read a third time, to-day.

The said resolution was, accordingly, read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate, to the resolution "fixing the time for the adjournment of the first session of the 15th Congress," which said amendment was read, and is as follows: "strike out *thirteenth*, and insert *twentieth*;" thereby contemplating an adjournment of the present session on the twentieth of April next.

Mr. Beecher moved that the said resolution and amendment be laid on the table.

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative. { Yeas.....41, Nays.....111.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Anderson, *Pen.*	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Rogers,
Baldwin,	Kinsey,	Ruggles,
Barber, *Ohio*,	Little,	Sampson,
Beecher,	Lowndes,	Silsbee,
Blount,	Moore,	S. Smith,
Boden,	Morton,	Speed,
Boss,	Mumford,	Spencer,
Culbreth,	H. Nelson,	Strong,
Folger	Ogle,	Tucker, *Va.*
Forsyth,	Parrott,	Wallace,
Hale,	Reed,	Whiteside,
Harrison,	Rich,	Wilson, *Mass.*
Herbert,	Ringgold,	Wilson, *Pen.* 41
Hitchcock,	Robertson, *Lou.*	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Marr,
Adams,	Ellicott,	Mason, *Mass.*
Allen, *Mass.*	Ervin, *S. C.*	Mason, *R. I.*
Allen, *Vt.*	Floyd,	Mercer,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Forney,	Merrill,
Austin,	Gage,	Middleton,
Ball,	Garnett,	Moseley,
Babour, *Va.*	Hall, *Del.*	Murray,
Bassett,	Hall, *N. C.*	Jer. Nelson,
Bateman,	Hasbrouck,	Ogden,
Bayley,	Herkimer,	Owen,
Bellinger,	Herrick,	Palmer,
Bennett,	Hogg,	Patterson,
Bloomfield,	Holmes, *Mass.*	Pawling,
Burwell,	Holmes, *Con.*	Pindall,
Campbell,	Hopkinson,	Pitkin,
Clagett,	Hubbard,	Pleasants,
Claiborne,	Hunter,	Porter,
Cobb,	Huntington,	Quarles,
Colston,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Rhea,
Comstock,	Johnson, *Va.*	Rice,
Crafts,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Richards,
Crawford,	Kirtland,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Cushman,	Lawyer,	Savage,
Darlington,	Linn,	Schuyler,
Desha,	Livermore,	Scudder,
Drake,	W. P. Maclay,	Sergeant,
Earle,	M'Coy,	Settle,

Mr. Seybert,	Mr. Tallmadge,	Mr. Upham,
Shaw,	Tarr,	Walker, *Ken.*
Sherwood,	Taylor,	Wendover,
Simkins,	Terrell,	Westerlo,
Slocumb,	Terry,	Whitman,
Bal. Smith,	Tompkins,	Williams, *Con.*
Alex. Smyth,	Trimble,	Williams, *N. Y.*
J. S. Smith,	Tucker, *S. C.*	Williams, *N. C.*
Stewart, *N. C.*	Tyler,	Wilkin. 111

The said amendment was then concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 31, 1818.

Mr. Rice presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Somerset, in the district of Maine, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of William Kindred, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Beecher and Mr. Herrick respectively presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that such persons as may be indebted to the United States for lands, may be permitted to discharge their said debt in notes of *efficient* chartered state banks.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Seybert, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made reports on the several petitions of the manufacturers of looking glasses in frames, and carvers and gilders on wood; on the petitions of the merchants, traders, and tailors of Boston and Philadelphia; and on the petition of Wheeler and Cock; which reports were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their respective petitions.

Mr. Forney, from the committee on Military Affairs, made a report on the petition of George Shover; which was read: when,

Mr. Forney reported a bill, allowing bounty in land and pay to certain soldiers who left the service without leave after the close of the late war with Great Britain; which was read the first and second time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the same committee, to which was referred the bills from the Senate, entitled "An act for the re-

relief of sick and disabled American seamen," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1818," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making further appropriations for the construction of the Cumberland road, being called for: when,

Mr. Spencer moved to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of the said bill, and that it be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon:

It was determined in the negative. { Yeas.....56. Nays.....82.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Austin,	Mr. Hall, *Del.*	Mr. Scudder,
Barbour, *Va.*	Hall, *N. C.*	Settle,
Bassett,	Hasbrouck,	Shaw,
Bellinger,	Herkimer,	Silsbee,
Bennett,	Hogg,	J. S. Smith,
Boden,	Hunter,	Spencer,
Burwell,	Huntington,	Strong,
Butler,	Johnson, *Va.*	Strother,
Clagett,	Lawyer,	Tallmadge,
Claiborne,	Livermore,	Tompkins,
Cook,	M'Coy,	Townsend,
Crafts,	Mason, *R. I.*	Tucker, *S. C.*
Cruger,	Merrill,	Tyler,
Drake,	H. Nelson,	Wendover,
Earle,	Palmer,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Edwards,	Rhea,	Williams, *N. C.*
Ellicott,	Richards,	Wilson, *Mass.*
Gage,	Sampson,	Wilson, *Pen.* 56
Garnett,	Savage,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Colston,	Mr. Harrison,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Comstock,	Herbert,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Crawford,	Herrick,
Baldwin,	Culbreth,	Heister,
Bateman,	Cushman,	Hitchcock,
Bayley,	Darlington,	Holmes, *Mass.*
Beecher,	Desha,	Holmes, *Con.*
Bloomfield,	Ervin, *S. C.*	Hopkinson,
Campbell,	Forsyth,	Irving, *N. Y.*
Cobb,	Hale,	Johnson, *Ken.*

Mr. Jones,	Mr. Pindall,	Mr. Bal. Smith,
Kinsey,	Pitkin,	Speed,
Linn,	Pleasants,	Steuart, *N. C.*
Little,	Poindexter,	Stuart, *Md.*
Lowndes,	Reed,	Tarr,
Marchand,	Rich,	Taylor,
Mason, *Mass.*	Ringgold,	Terrell,
Mercer,	Robertson, *Lou.*	Terry,
Middleton,	Rogers,	Trimble,
Moore,	Ruggles,	Tucker, *Va.*
Moseley,	Sawyer,	Upham,
Murray,	Schuyler,	Wallace,
Jer. Nelson,	Sergeant	Westerlo,
Ogden,	Seybert,	Whiteside,
Ogle,	Sherwood,	Whitman,
Parrott,	Simkins,	Williams, *Con.* 82
Patterson,	Slocumb,	
Pawling,	S. Smith,	

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said bill; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Vice President having retired from the chair, the Senate proceeded to the choice of a Prssident pro tempore, and the honorable John Gaillard, a Senator from the state of South Carolina, was elected. They have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit: "An act for to establish the flag of the United States;" and an "Act for the relief of Daniel Burnet, Gibson Clark, and the legal representatives of Hubert Rowel;" with an amendment to the latter; and they have also passed a bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington," in which amendment and bill, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Joseph Thorn; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 1, 1818.

Mr. Speaker presented a representation of Manuel Torres, stating that he has discovered that the United States sustains great loss in the receipt and expenditure of the public revenue; and that

he has also discovered the means by which this loss may be avoided, and offering to communicate his discovery upon the assurance of receiving a portion of the moneys which may be saved to the public by means of his said discovery.

Ordered, That the said representation be referred to the committe of Ways and Means.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of James Orr, which was read: when,

Mr. Williams reported a bill for the relief of James Orr, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitld "An act for the relief of John G. Bogert," made a report recommending the rejection thereof.

Ordered, That the said bill and report be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing land offices in the districts East of the Island of New Orleans, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill supplemental to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri.

Mr. Robertson, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act respecting the surveying and sale of the public lands in the Alabama Territory;" reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for changing the compensations of registers and receivers of the land offices.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, reported a bill concerning invalid pensions; which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Cornelia Mason.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of William Kindred and Lemuel Coffin, and that the former be referred to the Secretary of War, and that leave be given to withdraw the latter.

Mr. Seybert, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, reported a bill to increase the duties on certain manufactured articles imported into the United States, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Seybert, from the same committee, made a report on the petitions of the Piano Forte makers, and Organ builders of Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and Baltimore; on the petition of the New York Slate Company, and on the petition of Thomas Tennant

and George Stiles, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the Piano Forte and Organ builders of Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and Baltimore, have leave to *withdraw* their petition.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the New York Slate Company, and of Thomas Tennant and George Stiles, ought *not* to be granted.

Ordered, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution offered by Mr. Silsbee, on the 19th December last, respecting the appropriations for building custom houses.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, who were instructed by resolution, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what alterations are necessary and proper to be made in the several laws relating to the government of the navy; as also, the proceedings of sundry court martials, lately held in the Mediterranean, for the trials of captains Oliver H. Perry, John Heath, and John O. Crighton; also, the memorial of certain midshipmen serving in the Mediterranean, addressed to the President of the United States; made a report thereon, which was read: when,

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, of Virginia, to recommit the said report to the committee on Naval Affairs, with instructions so to amend the act, entitled "An act for the better government of the navy of the United States," (approved April 23, 1800,) as to subject the superior officer who shall strike or draw, or offer to draw, or raise any weapon against his inferior officer, to a forfeiture of his commission and dismission from the service.

Ordered, That the said report and motion lie on the table.

Mr. Forsyth, from the committee on Foreign Relations, made a report on the petition of James Simpson, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to *withdraw* his petition.

Mr. Forsyth, from the same committee, reported a bill to increase the allowance to consuls on the Barbary coast, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

The amendment proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Burnet, Gibson Clark, and the legal representatives of Hubert Rowel;" was read and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act further to amend the Charter of the City of Washington;" was read the first and second time and referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for *Enrolled Bills*, reported that they had examined an enrolled bill, enti-

tled "An act to establish the flag of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Bills of the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Cata Bunnell.

An act to regulate the fees of the public notaries in the county of Washington in the District of Columbia; and

An act to incorporate a Fire Insurance Company in the City of Washington, were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress," was read the third time; and the question was stated, shall it pass? when,

Mr. Simkins moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; which was rejected by the House.

Mr. Edwards moved that the said bill be laid on the table; which motion was also rejected by the House.

Mr. Williams, of Connecticut, then moved that it be postponed for two weeks; this motion was also rejected.

The question was then taken, Shall the said bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....87, Nays.....44.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hiester,	Mr. Palmer,
Allen, *Mass.*	Holmes, *Con.*	Parrott,
Allen, *Vt.*	Hopkinson,	Pawling,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Hunter,	Peter,
Barber, *Ohio,*	Huntington,	Pitkin,
Bayley,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Poindexter,
Bennett,	Jones,	Reed,
Bloomfield,	Kinsey,	Rhea,
Boden,	Kirtland,	Rich,
Boss,	Lawyer,	Ringgold,
Clagett,	Linn,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Claiborne,	Little,	Robertson, *Lou.*
Colston,	Livermore;	Rogers,
Comstock,	W. P. Maclay,	Ruggles,
Crawford,	Marchand,	Sampson,
Culbreth,	Mason, *Mass.*	Sawyer,
Darlington,	Mason, *R. I.*	Seybert,
Drake,	Mercer,	Shaw,
Earle,	Merrill,	Sherwood,
Ellicott,	Morton,	Slocumb,
Folger,	Moseley,	S. Smith,
Forsyth,	Jer. Nelson;	Speed,
Harrison,	New,	Spencer,
Herkimer,	Ogle,	Stewart, *N. C.*

Mr. Strong,	Mr. Tompkins,	Mr. Whiteside,
Strother,	Trimble,	Whitman,
Stuart, *Md.*	Tucker, *Va.*	Williams, *N. Y.*
Tallmadge,	Walker, *Ken.*	Wilson, *Mass.*
Taylor,	Wallace,	Wilson, *Pen.* 87

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Desha,	Mr. Pindall,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Edwards,	Pleasants;
Austin,	Garnett,	Rice,
Baldwin,	Hall, *Del.*	Richards,
Ball,	Hall, *N. C.*	Savage,
Barbour, *Va.*	Hendricks,	Scudder,
Bassett,	Herrick,	Sergeant,
Bateman,	Hitchcock,	Settle,
Beecher,	Hogg,	Simkins,
Blount,	Johnson, *Va.*	Tarr,
Burwell,	Lowndes,	Townsend,
Campbell,	Middleton,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Cobb,	Murray,	Williams, *Con.*
Cook,	H. Nelson,	Williams, *N. C.* 44
Crafts,	Patterson,	

Ordered, That the title be as aforeaid.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for the construction of the Cumberland road," was read the third time.

And on the question, Shall it pass?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....74, Nays.....56.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Allen, *Vt.*	Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. W. P. Maclay,
Anderson, *Pen.*	Harrison,	Marchand,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Hendricks,	Mason, *Mass.*
Baldwin,	Herrick,	Mercer,
Barber, *Ohio,*	Hiester,	Middleton,
Bateman,	Hitchcock,	Moore,
Bayley,	Holmes, *Mass.*	Moseley,
Beecher,	Holmes, *Con.*	Murray,
Bloomfield,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Ogle,
Boss.	Johnson, *Ken.*	Parrott,
Campbell,	Jones,	Patterson,
Cobb,	Kinsey,	Pawling,
Colston,	Lewis,	Peter,
Comstock,	Linn,	Pindall,
Crawford,	Little,	Pitkin,
Darlington,	Livermore,	Poindexter,
Desha,	Lowndes,	Reed,

Mr. Rice,	Mr. Sherwood,	Mr. Tarr,	
Rich,	Simkins,	Taylor,	
Ringgold,	Slocumb,	Trimble,	
Robertson, *Ken.*	S. Smith,	Tucker, *Va.*	
Robertson, *Lou.*	Bal. Smith,	Wallace,	
Rogers,	Speed,	Whiteside,	74
Ruggles,	Stewart, *N. C.*		
Seybert,	Strong,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hale,	Mr. Richards,	
Allen, *Mass.*	Hall, *Del.*	Savage,	
Austin,	Hall, *N. C.*	Sawyer	
Ball,	Hasbrouck,	Scudder,	
Barbour, *Va.*	Herkimer,	Sergeant,	
Bassett,	Hogg,	Settle,	
Bennett,	Hopkinson,	Shaw,	
Blount,	Hunter,	J. S. Smith,	
Boden,	Huntington,	Spencer,	
Burwell,	Johnson, *Va.*	Tallmadge,	
Clagett,	Kirtland,	Tompkins,	
Claiborne,	Lawyer,	Townsend,	
Cook,	Mason, *R. I.*	Tucker, *S. C.*	
Crafts,	Merrill,	Upham,	
Culbreth,	H. Nelson,	Walker, *Ken.*	
Drake,	New,	Williams, *N. Y.*	
Edwards,	Palmer,	Williams, *N. C.*	
Ellicott,	Pleasants,	Wilson, *Mass.*	56
Garnett,	Rhea,		

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid.

An engrosed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Thorn," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said three last mentioned bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act limiting the time for claims being produced for lands authorized to be granted to the inhabitants of New Madrid," and a resolution "requesting the President of the United States to present a sword to colonel Richard M. Johnson;" in which bill and resolution they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time and ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The said resolution was accordingly read the third time and paased.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on

the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office; and for designating the western boundary line of the Virginia military tract." and on the bill of this House, making appropriations for the purpose of extinguishing Indian claims; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the bill from the Senate, with amendments, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the bill of this House.

The question was taken, Shall the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill?

And determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole, to the bill from the Senate, were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill, supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States," passed the 2d March, 1807; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the said bill with an amendment, which was read, and, together with the said bill, ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of George Pearson; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes; and on the bill authorizing a subscription to the History of Congress; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Wilkin reported the said bills with amendments to each.

The amendments to the first mentioned bill were read and concurred in by the House.

The said bill was then further amended; and,

A motion was made by Mr. M'Coy, that the same be postponed indefinitely; which was rejected by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The amendment reported by the committee of the whole, to the bill authorizing a subscription to the History of Congress, was read, and is as follows, to wit: Strike out the first section of the bill.

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the report of the committee of the whole, lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 2, 1818.

Ordered, That Mr. Bellinger have leave of absence from the service of this House, from Wednesday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Culbreth presented a petition of William M'Donald, praying for an allowance of sundry items in the accounts of his brother, captain James M'Donald, deceased; which have been suspended by the accounting officers for want of that strict legal evidence which the rules of their office require.

Mr. Speaker presented a petition of Vicente Pazos, of Peru, in South America, on behalf of himself and others, praying compensation for their private property which was taken possession of upon the occupation of Amelia Island by the troops of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of William Thornton, esq. superintendent of the Patent Office, praying further compensation for services heretofore rendered; that his salary may be increased; and that the privilege of franking may be extended to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Seybert, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made a report on the petition of Richard H. Willcocks, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Seybert also reported a bill to change the name of the district of Erie in the state of Ohio; which was read the first and second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to day.

Mr. Roberson, of Lousiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to adjust the claims to lots in the town of Vincennes, and for the sale of the land appropriated as a common for the use of the inhabitants of the said town;" reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the resolution for

the appointment of a joint committee to consider and report what business is necessary to be acted upon before the close of the present session, and have appointed a committee on their part. And he withdrew.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the committee did yesterday present to the President of the United States, sundry enrolled bills and resolutions of the following titles, to wit:

An act respecting the courts of the United States within the state of New York.

An act for the relief of John Bate.

An act for the relief of Abraham Byington.

An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States, within the state of Mississippi.

An act to provide for the erection of a court house, jail, and public offices, within the county of Alexandria in the District of Columbia.

An act for the relief of William Edwards and John G. Stubbs.

An act for the relief of John Small.

An act allowing additional salary and clerk hire to the surveyor for the Illinois and Missouri Territories.

An act altering the time for holding a session of the district court in the district of Maine; and,

A Resolution directing the Secretary for the Department of State, to prepare an index to the acts and resolutions of Congress, after the close of every session.

Mr. Wilson also reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills and resolutions of the following titles, to wit:

An act to regulate the fees of public notaries in the county of Washington in the District of Columbia.

An act for the relief of Cata Bunnell.

An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to authorize the state of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to the vacant and unappropriated land within the same," passed the 18th of April, 1806.

An act for the relief of Martin Warner.

An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the state of North Carolina, for the relief of sick and disabled American seamen.

An act concerning the bounty or allowance to fishing vessels in certain cases.

A resolution directing medals to be struck, and, together with the thanks of Congress, presented to major general Harrison and governor Shelby, and for other purposes; and,

A resolution requesting the President of the United States, to present a sword to colonel Richard M. Johnson; and had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolutions.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the secretary of the state of Pennsylvania, transmitting a certificate of the election of Jacob Hostetter, as a member of this House, in the place of Jacob Spangler, resigned; which was referred to the committee of Elections.

The Speaker also had laid before the House, a report of the Secretary of State, made in obedience to a resolution of the 23d ult. requesting information as to the cause of delay in printing the Register of all officers and agents in the service of the United States; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the papers relating to the case of Ann Harman and others, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Pope,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Belleville, by William Padfields, and the seat of justice of Bond county, to Palmyra, in the Illinois territory; and from Edwardsville, to the seat of justice of Bond county, in the Illinois territory.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to change the name of the district of Erie, in the state of Ohio.

An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid.

An engrossed bill for the relief of George Pearson, was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be, "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Pearson;" and that the clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act limiting the time for claims being produced for lands authorized to be granted to the inhabitants of New Madrid;" was read the third time and passed.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office; and for designating the western boundary line of the Virginia military tract;" was read the third time, and passed as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act confirming the claim of Tobias Rheams to a tract of land granted to him by the Spanish government," with amendments. They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lemuel

H. Osgood;" in which amendments and bill they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Claiborne submitted the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be requested to cause gold medals to be struck, with suitable emblems and devices, and presented to major general William Carroll, and brigadier general John Coffee, in testimony of the high sense entertained by Congress of their gallantry and good conduct in the several conflicts during the late war at Talashatchie, Taladega, Enstochopko, Emuckfaw, Tchopeka and New Orleans.

Resolved, That the President be requested to cause a gold medal to be struck, with suitable emblems and devices, and presented to major general Joseph Desha, in testimony of the high sense entertained by Congress of his gallantry and good conduct in the conflict of the river Thames, in Upper Canada.

The said resolutions were read the first and second time: when,

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison to amend the second resolution by inserting the name of major general William Henry, before major general Joseph Desha, and to conform the language of the resolution to the said amendment.

Mr. Ogle then moved to commit the said resolutions to the committee on Military Affairs: when,

On motion of Mr. Hopkinson, it was

Ordered, That the said resolutions lie upon the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for paying to the state of Indiana three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the United States' lands within the same;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the same without amendment.

The said bill was then amended, and the amendment ordered to be engrossed and the bill read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Sarah Dewees, relict and widow of William Dewees, deceased, and the heirs and legal representatives of the said William Dewees; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Gad Worthington; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of the houses of Thomas and John Clifford, Elisha Fisher and Company, Thomas Clifford and Son, and Thomas Clifford of Philadelphia, and Charles Wirgman of Baltimore; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of John Rodgers; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported the same without amendment.

The said bill was then amended at the Clerk's table, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of certain friendly Creek Indians of the mixed blood; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. H. Nelson reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Cobb then moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; which was rejected by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 3, 1818.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of Abraham Ten Brook, praying to be remunerated for the amount of costs and expenses which he was compelled to pay in defending a suit brought against him by the United States in which suit the United States was nonsuited.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of James Wood, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner take *nothing* by his claim; and that he have leave to *withdraw* the *papers* accompanying his petition.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of William Kerns, Jeremiah Bettas, Charles Neilly, Caleb Childs and Stephen Olney, and that the four first mentioned petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, and that leave be given to withdraw the latter.

tia now in the service, or which may hereafter be called into the service of the United States in the war now prosecuting against the Seminole tribe of Indians; and of affording additional pay to those who have been in service in said war and have been discharged.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Lemuel H. Osgood," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of Claims.

The amendment proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act confirming the claim of Tobias Rheams to a tract of land granted him by the Spanish government," was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for paying to the state of Indiana three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sales of the United States' lands within the same," was read the third time and passed as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Sarah Dewees, relict and widow of William Dewees, deceased, and the heirs and legal representatives of the said William Dewees.

An act for the relief of Gad Worthington.

An Act for the relief of the houses of Thomas and John Clifford, Elisha Fisher and company, Thomas Clifford and Son, and Thomas Clifford of Philadelphia, and Charles Wirgman of Baltimore.

An act for the relief of John Rodgers; and,

An act for the relief of certain friendly Creek Indians, were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, and for the organization and encouragement of schools for their instruction and civilization; and on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act directing the manner of appointing Indian agents and continuing the 'Act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the bill from the Senate without amendment, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the bill of this House.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

The bill from the Senate was then amended at the Clerk's table, and the amendment ordered to be engrossed and the bill read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of major Loring Austin; the bill for the relief

was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Daniel Boynton, Jonathan Bowers, James Price, James Donohue, Nathaniel Thompson, and Jethro Randall, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to which was committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Landon Carter," reported the same with an amendment; which was read, and, together with the bill, committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Cornelia Mason.

Mr. Rhea also, reported the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Ward," without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on Private Land Claims, to which was committed the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Burnett, Gibson Clark, and the legal representatives of Hubert Rowell," reported their agreement to the said amendment with an amendment; which was read, and, together with the bill ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Stroher, from the committee for the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act further to amend the charter of the City of Washington," reported the same with an amendment; which was read, and, together with the bill, committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill to increase the pay of the militia while in actual service and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Blount, from the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill to establish and alter post roads; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Sergeant, from the committee to whom was referred a resolution of the 13th February; and a memorial from a number of citizens of the United States, residing in the city of Philadelphia, relating to the imprisonment of Richard W. Meade, made a report; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bassett, from the committee on that part of the President's message, which relates to the public buildings, and to the erection of additional public edifices, made a report in relation to the accommodation of Congress at their next session; which was read and

the application of such means as are within the power of Congress, to the purpose of opening and improving roads, and making canals; together with a statement of the undertakings of that nature, which, as objects of public improvement, may require and deserve the aid of the government; and, also, a statement of works of the nature abovementioned which have been commenced; the progress which has been made in them; the means and prospect of their being completed; the public improvements carried on by states or by companies, or incorporations which have been associated for such purposes, to which it may be deemed expedient to subscribe or afford assistance; the terms and conditions of such associations, and the state of their funds, and such information, as in the opinion of the Secretary shall be material in relation to the objects of this resolution.

The question was taken to agree to the said resolutions,

And passed in the affirmative. { Yeas.....76, Nays.....57.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Linn,	Mr. Seybert,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Little,	Shaw,
Bateman,	Livermore,	Sherwood,
Bayley,	Lowndes,	Simkins,
Campbell,	W. P. Maclay,	Slocumb,
Cobb,	Marchand,	Bal. Smith,
Comstock,	Mason, *Mass.*	Speed,
Crawford,	Miller,	Spencer,
Cruger,	Mumford,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Cushman,	Murray,	Stuart, *Md.*
Darlington,	Jer. Nelson,	Tallmadge,
Ellicott,	Ogden,	Tarr,
Floyd,	Ogle,	Taylor,
Forsyth,	Owen,	Terrell,
Gage,	Palmer,	Trimble,
Hasbrouck,	Parrott,	Tucker, *Va.*
Hendricks,	Patterson,	Upham,
Herkimer,	Pawling,	Walker, *Ken.*
Herrick,	Peter,	Wallace,
Hitchcock,	Pindall,	Wendover,
Holmes, *Mass.*	Rich,	Westerlo,
Holmes, *Con.*	Robertson, *Lou.*	Whiteside,
Hopkinson,	Rogers,	Wilkin,
Irving, *N. Y.*	Savage,	Wilson, *Pen.* 76
Johnson, *Ken.*	Schuyler,	
Kinsey,	Sergeant,	

Houses concurring therein, That the following amendment to the constitution of the United States, be proposed to the legislatures of the several states, which, when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the said states, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as a part of the said constitution:

"No person shall be held to service or labour as a slave, nor shall slavery be tolerated in any state hereafter admitted into the Union, or made one of the United States of America."

The said resolution was read; and on the question will the House now proceed to consider the same?

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, laid on the Clerk's table two acts of the Parliament of Great Britain, one, entitled "An act to consolidate and extend the several laws now in force, for allowing the importation and exportation of certain goods and merchandise into, and from, certain ports in the West Indies," passed the 27th June, 1805; the other, entitled "An act to permit the importation of rice, grain and flour, from any foreign colonies on the continent of America, into certain ports in the West Indies, and to allow certain articles to be imported from the United States of America into the British provinces in North America, for the purpose of exportation to the British islands in the West Indies," passed on the 30th June, 1808; which were ordered to be printed for the use of the members of Congress.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the amendment reported by the committee of the whole to the bill authorizing a subscription to the History of Congress; and the said amendment being read at the Clerk's table, was disagreed to by the House.

The said bill was then amended, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the resolutions reported by the committee on Roads, Canals, and Seminaries of Learning; and the said resolutions being amended to read as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be instructed to report to this House, at the ensuing session of Congress, a plan for the application of such means as are within the power of Congress, to the purpose of opening and constructing such roads and canals, as may deserve and require the aid of government, with a view to military operations in time of war; the transportation of munitions of war; and the more complete defence of the United States; and also, a statement of the works of the nature abovementioned, which have been commenced; the progress which has been made; and the means and prospect of their completion; and, together with such information, as in the opinion of the Secretary, shall be material in relation to the objects of this resolution.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to prepare and report to this House, at their next session, a plan for

and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the same with amendments; which were read and concurred in by the House.

The said bill was then further amended, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of John Anderson; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill respecting the organization of the army, and for other purposes; and on the bill for the relief of John Work; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the first mentioned bill with amendments, and the last mentioned bill without amendment.

The said amendments were read, and the first thereof concurred in, and the last rejected by the House.

Mr. Thomas M. Nelson then moved further to amend the said bill by inserting therein the following, as the 5th section thereof, viz:

"Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That those soldiers who enlisted for and during the late war with Great Britain, and who served faithfully until the termination thereof was announced by the proclamation of the President of the United States, shall be entitled to the bounty land which they would have been entitled to, had they obtained an honorable discharge."

And on the question to agree to this section,

It was determined in the negative.

The said bill was then further amended and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the bill for the relief of John Work be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate disagree to the amendment proposed by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for paying to the state of Indiana three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sales of the United States' lands within the same." They have passed bills, of this House, entitled "An act concerning the territory of Alabama;" "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1818;" and, "An act for the relief of Narcissus Broutin, and others;" with amendments to the two latter: they have also passed a bill, entitled "An act concerning navigation," in which amendments and bill they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning navigation," was read the first and second time, and referred to the

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Earle,	Mr. Rhea,
Allen, *Mass.*	Edwards,	Rice,
Allen, *Vt.*	Folger,	Richards,
Austin,	Garnett,	Ruggles,
Ball,	Hale,	Sampson,
Barber, *Ohio*,	Hall, *N. C.*	Sawyer,
Bassett,	Hogg,	Scudder,
Bennett,	Hunter,	Settle,
Blount,	Huntington,	Silsbee,
Boden,	Johnson, *Va.*	J. S. Smith,
Boss,	Kirtland,	Strother,
Burwell,	M'Coy,	Tompkins,
Butler,	Mason, *R. I.*	Townsend,
Clagett,	Merrill,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Cook,	H. Nelson,	Tyler,
Crafts,	T. M. Nelson,	Whitman,
Culbreth,	Pitkin,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Desha,	Pleasants,	Williams, *N. C.*
Drake,	Poindexter,	Wilson, *Mass.* 57

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of State, on the petition of Jonathan Elliot; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act directing the manner of appointing Indian agents, and continuing the act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," was read the third time and passed as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of major general Jacob Brown.

An act to establish a port of entry and delivery at Cape Vincent, at the fork of Lake Ontario, and the head of the river St. Lawrence.

An act to abolish the port of delivery established at the mouth of Slade's Creek, in the state of North Carolina, were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Loring Austin, was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be, "An act for the relief of Loring Austin and George R. Wells," and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to authorize the people of the territory of Illinois to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill supplementary to the act regulating the duties on imports and tonnage, passed 27th April, 1816.

The amendment proposed by this House, to the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for paying to the state of Indiana, three per cent. of the nett proceeds, arising from the sales of the United States' lands within the same," and to which the Senate have disagreed, was read: when,

A motion was made by Mr. Hendricks, that this House *insist* on the said amendment: this motion was rejected;

And the question was taken, will the House recede from their said amendment.

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Narcissus Broutin and others," were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1818," were read and committed to a committee of the whole House to-day.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the said amendments; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the agreement of the committee to the said amendments.

They were then again read at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Speed, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States for his approbation, enrolled bills and resolutions of the following titles, viz.

An act to regulate the fees of the public notaries in the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia.

An act for the relief of Cata Bunnell.

An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to authorize the state of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles to certain lands therein described, and to settle the vacant and unappropriated land within the same," passed the 18th of April, 1806.

An act concerning the bounty and allowance to fishing vessels in certain cases.

An act to establish the flag of the United States.

A resolution directing medals to be struck, and, together with the thanks of Congress, presented to major general Harrison and governor Shelby, and for other purposes; and.

the petitions of John Daily and Samuel Thompson, made a report thereon, which was read: when,

Mr. Spencer reported a bill for the relief of the said Samuel Thompson and John Daily, which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Miller and Baker.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Henry King, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act for the relief of John Thompson."

The House took up and proceeded to consider the report of the committee of Ways and Means, of the 19th of February last, on the petition of Mary Graeff; and the resolution therein contained, was read, and is as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

A motion was made by Mr. Sargeant to amend the said resolution, so as to make it read,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted, and that the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to report a bill to that effect.

And the question being taken so to amend the said resolution,

It passed in the affirmative.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the report of the committee on Naval Affairs, made on the 1st instant, in relation to the necessity of amending the several laws relating to the government of the navy, as also on the proceedings of sundry courts martial held in the Mediterranean sea for the trial of officers serving in the squadron in that sea; and the question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Johnson, of Virginia, to recommit the said report to the committee on Naval Affairs, with the instructions stated on the journal of the first instant;

And being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken to concur with the committee on Naval Affairs in the following resolution contained in the said report, viz.

"Resolved, That the committee be discharged from further consideration of the several subjects referred to them."

And passed in the affirmative.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Burnett, Gibson Clark, and the legal representatives of Hubert Rowel;" and the amendment proposed by the committee on Private Land Claims to the said amendment being read,

Mr. Poindexter, the acting chairman of the said committee, withdrew the said amendment.

An act confirming the claim of Tobias Rheams to a tract of land granted to him by the Spanish government.

An act to incorporate a fire insurance company in the city of Washington.

An act limiting the time for claims being produced for lands authorized to be granted to the inhabitants of New Madrid, and had found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to continue in force an act, entitled "An act relating to settlers on lands of the United States;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Benjamin Birdsall and William S. Foster; as also, on the bill for the relief of Frederick Brown, and on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Ashael Clark;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith of Maryland reported the said bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the bill for the relief of Benjamin Birdsall and William S. Foster, and the bill for the relief of Frederick Brown, be engrossed and severally read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the bill from the Senate "for the relief of Ashael Clark," be read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to provide for erecting additional buildings for the accommodation of the several executive departments; also, on the bill making appropriations for the public buildings, and for the furnishing the Capitol and President's House; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the said bills with amendments to each.

The said amendments to the bill last mentioned were read at the Clerks table, and in part concurred in by the House.

The question was stated to concur with the committee of the whole in their amendment to fill the blank in the bill attached to the following item, to wit: "*for furnishing the Representatives Chamber and Committee Rooms,*" with the sum of *thirty thousand dollars;*

And being taken,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....74, Nays.....68.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Mr. Pitkin,	Mr. Silsbee,	Mr. Tucker, *S. C.*
Porter,	Slocumb,	Tyler,
Rice,	Bal. Smith,	Walker, *N. C.*
Robertson, *Lou.*	J. S. Smith,	Walker, *Ken.*
Rogers,	Speed,	Wallace,
Sampson,	Spencer,	Whiteside,
Savage,	Stewart, *N. C.*	Williams, *Con.*
Scudder,	Strong,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Shaw,	Tarr,	Williams, *N. C.*
Sherwood,	Tompkins,	Wilson, *Pen.* 90

The said blank was then filled with 30,000 dollars.

The question was then stated to concur with the committee of the whole in their amendment to fill the blank in the said bill, attached to the following item, to wit: "*For offices to the President's House,*" with the sum of *nine thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven dollars.*

And being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Taylor then moved to fill the said blank with 9,000 dollars, which motion was rejected by the House.

Mr. Bassett moved to fill the said blank with 9,400 dollars, which was also rejected; and,

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, moved to fill said blank with 8,000 dollars; which was also rejected.

Mr. Bassett then moved to strike out the said item. This motion was rejected; and,

On motion of Mr. Colston,

The said blank was filled with the sum of 7,000 dollars.

Mr. Hitchock then moved further to amend the said bill by striking out this item, to wit:

"*For procuring materials, laying the foundation and other preparations for the centre building of the Capitol, one hundred thousand dollars.*"

And the question being taken thereon;

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Wm. P. Maclay, further to amend the said bill by inserting after the words "*Representative Chamber,*" in the second section thereof, these words; "*or so much of the said sum as he may deem necessary;*" thereby restricting the expenditure of the sum appropriated for furnishing the Representative Chamber and Committee Rooms, to so much of the sum of thirty thousand dollars as the Speaker may deem necessary;

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

The question was then stated to concur with the committee of the whole, in their amendment to fill the blank in the said bill attached to the following item, to wit: "*For furnishing the President's House,*" with the sum of *forty thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine dollars.*

And being taken,

It was determined in negative, { Yeas.....52, Nays.....90.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr.	Allen, *Vt.*	Mr.	Livermore,	Mr.	Sawyer,
	Baldwin,		Merrill,		Schuyler,
	Barber, *Ohio,*		Middleton,		Sergeant
	Bassett,		Miller,		Settle,
	Bayley,		Moseley,		Seybert,
	Bloomfield,		Mumford,		Simkins,
	Colston,		Ogden,		S. Smith,
	Cruger,		Palmer,		Tallmadge,
	Drake,		Parrott,		Taylor,
	Ervin, *S. C.*		Peter,		Terrell,
	Folger,		Pindall,		Terry,
	Forsyth,		Pleasants,		Wendover,
	Herbert,		Poindexter,		Westerlo,
	Hopkinson,		Rhea,		Whitman,
	Irving, *N. Y.*		Rich,		Wilkin,
	Kinsey,		Richards,		Wilson, *Mass.* 52
	Kirtland,		Ringgold,		
	Little,		Ruggles,		

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr.	Adams,	Mr.	Earle,	Mr.	Hunter,
	Allen, *Mass.*		Edwards,		Huntington,
	Austin,		Ellicott,		Johnson, *Va.*
	Ball,		Floyd,		Lawyer,
	Barbour, *Va.*		Forney,		Linn,
	Bateman,		Gage,		Lowndes,
	Bennett,		Garnett,		W. Maclay,
	Blount,		Hale,		W. P. Maclay,
	Boden,		Hall, *Del.*		M'Coy,
	Boss,		Hall, *N. C.*		Marchand,
	Butler,		Hasbrouck,		Moore,
	Campbell,		Hendricks,		Morton,
	Clagett,		Herkimer,		Murray,
	Cobb,		Herrick,		Jer. Nelson,
	Comstock,		Hiester,		H. Nelson,
	Crafts,		Hitchcock,		T. M. Nelson,
	Crawford,		Hogg,		Ogle,
	Culbreth,		Holmes, *Mass.*		Owen,
	Darlington,		Holmes, *Con.*		Patterson,
	Desha,		Hubbard,		Pawling,

the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th sections thereof; and the question being taken thereon, it was determined in the negative.

The first part of the 6th section is as follows:

"That after the 1st June, 1819, the present system of supplying the army with rations be abolished, and that in lieu thereof, there shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one commissary general, with the rank, pay, and emoluments of colonel of ordnance, who shall, before entering on the duties of his office, give bond and security in such sum as the President of the United States may direct, and as many assistants, *to be taken from the subalterns of the line*, as the service may require, who shall receive *twenty dollars per month, in addition to their pay in the line.*

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, of Maryland, to amend the said section by striking out these words, "*to be taken from the subalterns of the line,*" and these words, "*twenty dollars per month, in addition to their pay in the line;*" and in lieu of the last words to insert, "*the pay and emoluments of a lieutenant colonel of infantry.*"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time to-morrow.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Ashael Clark; and,

An act for the relief of Lemuel H. Osgood, were severally read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Seth Sprague.

An act to continue in force an act, entitled "An act relating to settlers on lands of the United States."

An act for the relief of Benjamin Birdsall and William S. Foster; and,

An act for the relief of Frederick Brown, were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings, and for furnishing the capitol and President's House," was the third time; and the question being stated, shall it pass?

Mr. Herrick moved, that the said bill be recommitted to the committee who reported it, with instructions to amend the same by striking out this item, to wit:

For procuring materials, laying the foundation and other preparations for the centre building of the Capitol, one hundred thousand dollars.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....53. / Nays.....85.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Austin,
Barbour, *Va.*
Bennett,
Boden,
Boss,
Campbell,
Claiborne,
Desha,
Earle,
Edwards,
Ellicott,
Garnett,
Hall, *N. C.*
Harrison,
Hasbrouck,
Hendricks,
Herrick,
Hiester,
Mr. Hitchcock,
Hogg,
Holmes, *Con.*
Johnson, *Va.*
Johnson, *Ken.*
Linn,
Livermore,
W. Maclay,
W. P. Maclay,
M'Coy,
Marchand,
Mason, *R. I.*
Moore,
Murray,
H. Nelson,
Ogle,
Patterson,
Pawling,
Mr. Porter,
Rhea,
Savage,
Scudder,
Bal. Smith,
Spencer,
Tarr,
Townsend,
Trimble,
Tucker, *S. C.*
Walker, *N. C.*
Walker, *Ken.*
Wallace,
Whiteside,
Williams, *N. Y.*
Williams, *N. C.*
Wilson, *Pen.* 53

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,
Adams,
Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *Vt.*
Baldwin,
Bassett,
Bayley,
Bloomfield,
Butler,
Clagett,
Cobb,
Colston,
Crafts,
Crawford,
Cruger,
Culbreth,
Darlington,
Drake,
Ervin, *S. C.*
Floyd,
Folger,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Gage,
Hale,
Hall, *Del.*
Mr. Herbert,
Herkimer,
Holmes, *Mass.*
Hubbard,
Huntington,
Irving, *N. Y.*
Kinsey,
Kirtland,
Lawyer,
Lowndes,
Mason, *Mass.*
Mercer,
Merrill,
Miller,
Morton,
Mumford,
Jer. Nelson,
Ogden,
Owen,
Palmer,
Parrott,
Peter,
Pindall,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Poindexter,
Mr. Reed,
Rice,
Rich,
Ringgold,
Robertson, *Lou.*
Ruggles,
Sampson,
Sawyer,
Schuyler,
Settle,
Seybert,
Shaw,
Sherwood,
Silsbee,
Simkins,
Slocumb,
S. Smith,
Alex. Smyth,
Speed,
Steuart, *N. C*
Strong,
Stuart, *Md.*
Tallmadge,
Taylor,
Terrell,
Terry,

A resolution directing medals to be struck, and, together with the thanks of Congress, presented to major general Harrison, and governor Shelby, and for other purposes; and,

A resolution requesting the President of the United States to present a sword to colonel Richard M. Johnson.

The Senate concur in the amendment proposed by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning the surveys thereon, to the general land office; and for designating the western boundary line of the Virginia military tract."

They have disagreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act directing the manner of appointing Indian agents, and continuing the act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," and ask a conference on the subject of the said amendment. And they have also passed a bill, entitled "An act to fix the compensation of certain judges of the courts of the United States;" in which bill, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The message from the Senate, announcing their disagreement to the amendment of this House, to the bill "directing the manner of appointing Indian agents, and continuing the act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," and asking a conference upon the disagreeing vote of the two Houses upon the said amendment, was read: whereupon,

Resolved, That this House agree to the said conference, and that managers be appointed to attend the same on their part.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Slocumb, and Mr. Williams, of New York, were appointed the said managers.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 8, 1818.

Ordered, That Samuel M'Connell have leave to withdraw his petition and documents presented on the 31st day of March, 1812.

Mr. Sewart, of North Carolina, presented a petition of William Moore, praying compensation for his services as an officer in the revolutionary army; as also for two horses lost while in said service.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter addressed to him by William Blagrove, a clerk in the Navy Office, complaining of improper and oppressive conduct on the part of Benjamin Homans, chief clerk in said office; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy cause to be laid before this House, a report of the state and condition of the Navy Pension fund; the sources from whence it arises; its amount and the manner in which it is collected; specifying the sums received yearly from each state, from and after the 20th of June, 1812: and also, all the information in his possession, beneficial to the said fund; and in particular, that he state the sums received from the district court of each state; the particular cases from which they arise, and the state of the returns made from each court; the names of the persons, if any, in default in the performance of their duties in regard to the said fund, or in making legal returns thereof; and any proceedings had thereon, to enforce performance, and the nature and time of such proceedings.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the report of the committee on Pensions and Revoluntionary Claims made on the 9th of February last, on the petition of Mary Sullivan, and the resolution therein contained was read and is as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

A motion was made by Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, to amend the said resolution by striking out the word *not*.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

The resolution was then agreed to as amended.

Ordered, That the said report be recommitted to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, with instruction to report a bill granting the prayer of the petitioner.

A message from the President, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act to change the name of the district of Erie, in the state of Ohio.

An act for the relief of Sarah Dewees, relict and widow of William Dewees, deceased, and the heirs and legal representatives of the said William Dewees.

An act for the relief of John Rogers.

An act making farther appropriations for the construction of the Cumberland road.

An act for the relief of general Moses Porter; and,

An act to authorize the payment of certain certificates, with amendments to the two latter. They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Aquilla Giles.

An act authorizing the disposal of certain lots of public ground in the city of New Orleans, and town of Mobile.

An act to repeal part of the act, entitled "An act to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States; and,

An act confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Petit, in their claim to a tract of land; in which amendments and last mentioned bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of the sufferers on the Niagara frontier; and on the bill for the relief of Samuel Thompson and John Dailey; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the first mentioned bill with amendments, and asked leave to sit again on the last mentioned bill.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, have leave to sit again on the said last mentioned bill.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 9, 1818.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of sundry merchants and distillers in the town of Portland, in the district of Maine, praying that a drawback of duties may be allowed on molasses imported into the United States, which may be distilled into spirits and afterwards exported.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, on the bill supplementary to the act regulating the duties on imports and tonnage, passed the 27th of April, 1816.

Mr. Seybert, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, reported a bill for erecting a light house upon Galloo island, near the outlet of Lake Ontario; for placing sundry spindles or buoys; and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Rhea, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, reported a bill for the relief of Mary Sullivan; which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of Benjamin Berry.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Daniel Burnet, Gibson Clark, and the legal representatives of Hubert Rowel.

An act for the relief of John Rodgers.

An act making further appropriations for the construction of the Cumberland road.

An act to change the name of the district of Erie in the state of Ohio.

An act for the relief of Sarah Dewees, relict and widow of William Dewees, deceased, and the heirs and legal representatives of the said William Dewees.

An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants and for returning surveys thereon to the General Land

Office, and for designating the western boundary line of the Virginia military tract; and,

An act to provide for paying to the state of Indiana, three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sales of the United States' lands within the same, and had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, submitted the following reso'ution:

Resolved, That the committee on so much of the President's message as relates to Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for rewarding such meritorious officers and soldiers of the revolution (as well of the militia as regular army) as may not be embraced within the provisions of the act passed at this session of Congress, to provide for certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army.

And, on the question to agree thereto;

It was determined in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred in the amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act regulating the staff of the army." And then he withdrew.

Bills from the Senate, of the following titles, to wit:

1. An act to repeal part of the act, entitled "An act to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States."

2. An act confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Petit in their claim to a tract of land.

3. An act for the relief of Aquilla Giles; and,

4. An act authorizing the disposal of certain lots of public ground in the city of New Orleans and town of Mobile, were severally read the first and second time, and the first thereof ordered to be read a third time to-morrow; the second referred to the committee on Private Land Claims; the third committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow, and the fourth referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill to increase the pay of the militia, while in actual service, and for other purposes; and the same being amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of General Moses Porter," was read and concurred in by the House.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the payment of certain certificates," was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to make valid cer-

tain acts of the justices of the peace in the District of Columbia," was read the third time and passed as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed resolution, directing the completion of the survey of the waters of the Chesapeake Bay; for establishing naval arsenals, and for other purposes; was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom were referred a resolution of the 12th of February, and a memorial from a number of citizens of the United States residing in the city of Philadelphia, relating to the imprisonment of Richard W. Meade:

The resolution annexed to the said report was read as follows:

Resolved, That the House is satisfied that the imprisonment of Richard W. Meade, is an act of cruel and unjustifiable oppression; that it is the right and duty of the government of the United States to afford to Mr. Meade its aid and protection; and that this House will support and maintain such measures as the President may hereafter adopt, to obtain the release of the said R. W. Meade from confinement, should such measures be proper and necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. Trimble, to amend the said resolution by striking out the whole thereof after the word *Resolved*, and in lieu thereof to insert the following: "That the demand made by the President of the United States upon the King of Spain for the liberation of Richard W. Meade, a citizen of the United States, detained in confinement at the Castle of Santa Catalina, at Cadiz, ought to be supported and enforced by vesting in the President an authority to make reprisal, upon a Spanish Consul in the *event* of a failure on the part of Spain promptly to discharge the said Meade."

And the question being taken so to amend,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken to agree to the resolution recommended by the committee,

And passed in the affirmative.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee of the whole, to the bill for the relief of the sufferers on the Niagara frontier; and the said amendments being read, the first thereof was concurred in, and the last concurred in with an amendment.

The question was then taken, Shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time,

And passed in the negative. { Yeas.....51, Nays.....91.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Baldwin,
Ball,
Bateman,
Bloomfield,
Comstock,
Cruger,
Culbreth,
Drake,
Ellicott,
Garnett,
Harrison,
Hasbrouck,
Herbert,
Herkimer,
Herrick,
Holmes, *Mass.*
Hubbard,
Mr. Irving, *N. Y.*
Johnson, *Ken.*
Jones,
Lawyer,
Little,
Merrill,
H. Nelson,
T. M. Nelson,
New,
Ogden,
Palmer,
Peter,
Pleasants,
Porter,
Reed,
Ringgold,
Robertson, *Lou.*
Mr. Sampson,
Savage,
Schuyler,
Scudder,
Shaw,
S. Smith,
Spencer,
Strother,
Stuart, *Md.*
Tallmadge,
Taylor,
Tompkins,
Townsend,
Trimble,
Tyler,
Westerlo,
Wilkin, 51

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *Vt.*
Barbour, *Va.*
Barber, *Ohio*,
Bassett,
Bennett,
Boden,
Butler,
Campbell,
Clagett,
Cobb,
Colston,
Cook,
Crafts,
Crawford,
Darlington,
Earle,
Edwards,
Ervin, *S. C.*
Folger
Forney,
Forsyth,
Gage,
Hale,
Hall, *Del.*
Hall, *N. C.*
Hendricks,
Hogg,
Holmes, *Con.*
Hopkinson,
Mr. Huntington,
Johnson, *Va.*
Kirtland,
Linn,
Livermore,
Lowndes,
W. Maclay,
W. P. Maclay,
M'Coy,
Marchand,
Mason, *Mass.*
Mason, *R. I.*
Mercer,
Miller,
Moore,
Morton,
Moseley,
Mumford,
Murray,
Jer. Nelson,
Ogle,
Owen,
Parrott,
Patterson,
Pawling,
Pindall,
Pitkin,
Rhea,
Rice,
Rich,
Richards,
Mr. Rogers,
Ruggles,
Sawyer
Sergeant,
Settle,
Seybert,
Sherwood,
Simkins,
Slocumb,
Bal. Smith,
J. S. Smith,
Speed,
Stewart, *N. C.*
Strong,
Tarr,
Terrell,
Terry,
Tucker, *S. C.*
Upham,
Walker, *N. C.*
Wallace,
Wendover,
Whiteside,
Whitman,
Williams, *Con.*
Williams, *N. Y.*
Williams, *N. C.*
Wilson, *Mass.*
Wilson, *Pen.* 91

And so the said bill was rejected.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Samuel Thompson, and John Daily; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House.

The question was then taken, Shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And determined in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Benjamin Berry; and on the bill for the relief of Mary Sullivan; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the said bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the bill for the relief of Benjamin Berry, be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The bill for the relief of Mary Sullivan, was then amended at the Clerk's table, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to authorize payment in certain cases on account of Treasury Notes, which have been lost or destroyed; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr Pitkin reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to incorporate the Columbian institute; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the Mechanic Relief Society of Alexandria;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Jonathan Amory, jun. and the representatives of Thomas C. Amory, deceased; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wilkin reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act, enti-

tled 'An act for the relief of John. Thompson;" also, on the bill for the relief of Henry King; and on the bill for the relief of the widow and children of Jacob Graeff, deceased; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported the said bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the bill from the Senate, in addition to the act for the relief of John Thompson, be read a third time to-morrow; that the bill for the relief of Henry King, lie on the table; and that the bill for the relief of the widow and children of Jacob Graeff, deceased, be engrossed and read a third to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Josiah Bullock; and on the bill for the relief of James Mackey; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported the first mentioned bill with an amendment, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the last mentioned bill.

The question was taken, Shall the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill?

And determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The amendment to the bill for the relief of Josiah Bullock, was read and concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 10, 1818.

Ordered, That the petition of Benjamin Wells, be referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Marchand, Mr. Claggett, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Sampson, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Strother, presented a petition of Jacob Hittles, praying for the remission of the duties imposed on his distillery, as he was unable to use the same in consequence of having his workmen taken into the militia service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Wake and Orange, praying for the establishment of a port route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to alter and establish certain port roads.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill for the relief of Jonathan D. Essary and John

Seybold; which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill supplemental to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims, in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the same committee, to which was referred bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of Michael Jones," and "An act authorizing the disposal of certain lots of the public ground in the city of New Orleans and town of Mobile," reported the said bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the first mentioned bill be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill supplemental to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri; and that the last mentioned bill be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill explanatory of the act authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States, in the city of Washington.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to authorize the appointment of an additional judge for the district of Georgia; which was read the first and second time.

And on the question, Shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

Mr. Nelson, from the same committee made a report on the petition of Abraham Ten Brook, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That it is *inexpedient* to grant the prayer of the petition.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the respective petitions of Francis Henderson, Benjamin Simmons, John Heddinger, Asa Lyon, Alexander Murray, Sylvanus Townsend, Samuel Black, William Dobbins and Sarah Whiteside, Thomas Cummins, Joseph Stiles, and William Wallace, John Dent, and the heirs of George Nebinger, deceased, and that leave be given to *withdraw* the said petitions.

Mr. Ingham, from the committee on the Post Offices and Post Roads, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of permitting the governors of states and territories to receive and transmit through the post office, all official communications free of postage, made a report thereon; which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to extend the privilege of franking to the chief magistrates of states and territories.

Mr. Ingham, reported a bill to extend the privilege of franking to the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Represen-

tatives; which was read the first and second time and committeed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Erastus Granger, and that it be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Desha,

Ordered, That all the accounts and papers in the possession of the Clerk of this House, in relation to the accounts of James Thomas, a quarter master general in the army during the late war, be referred to the attorney general of the United States.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to authorize the payment of certain certificates.

An act for the relief of general Moses Porter; and,

An act regulating the staff of the army; and had found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Spencer, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the official conduct of William P. Van Ness, as judge of the southern district of New York, with power to send for persons and papers; that the said committee shall continue during the present Congress, and may report at the present or ensuing session, by resolution or otherwise.

The said resolution was read and amended by inserting after the words *New York*, the following: "William Stephens, judge of the district of Georgia, and Mathias B. Tallmage, district judge of the northern district of New York."

And on the question to agree to the resolution as amended.

It passed in the affirmative; and,

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Livermore, Mr. Williams, of Connecticut, and Mr. Bloomfield, were appointed the said committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Pindall, that the House do now proceed to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for delivering up persons held to labor or service in any of the states or territories, who shall escape into any other state or territory:"

And the question being taken thereon.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....63. / Nays.....73,

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,
Austin,
Baldwin,
Bassett,
Bloomfield,
Blount,
Colston,
Cook,
Culbreth,
Desha,
Earle,
Floyd,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Garnett,
Hall, *N. C.*
Herbert,
Hogg,
Johnson, *Va.*
Johnson, *Ken.*
Linn,
Mr. Little,
Lowndes,
M'Coy,
Marchand,
Mason, *Mass.*
Mercer,
Middleton,
Miller,
Moore,
Mumford,
H. Nelson,
T. M. Nelson,
Ogle,
Owen,
Parrott,
Peter,
Pindall,
Pleasants,
Poindexter,
Reed,
Rhea,
Mr. Ringgold,
Robertson, *Lou.*
Ruggles,
Sampson,
Sawyer,
Settle,
Simkins,
Slocumb,
S. Smith,
Bal. Smith,
Alex. Smyth,
J. S. Smith,
Speed,
Spencer,
Stewart, *N. C.*
Strother,
Trimble,
Tucker, *S. C.*
Tyler,
Walker, *N. C.*
Williams, *N. C.* 65

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Allen, *Vt.*
Ball,
Bateman,
Bennett,
Boden,
Boss,
Campbell,
Clagett,
Crafts,
Cruger,
Darlington,
Drake,
Ellicott,
Gage,
Hale,
Hall, *Del.*
Hasbrouck,
Hendricks,
Herkimer,
Hiester,
Hitchcock,
Holmes, *Mass.*
Holmes, *Con.*
Hopkinson,
Mr Hubbard,
Hunter,
Huntington,
Ingham,
Irving, *N. Y.*
Jones,
Kinsey,
Kirtland,
Lawyer,
Livermore,
W. Maclay,
W. P. Maclay,
Mason, *R. I.*
Merrill,
Morton,
Moseley,
Murray,
Jer. Nelson,
Palmer,
Patterson,
Pawling,
Pitkin,
Porter,
Rice,
Rich,
Mr. Richards,
Rogers,
Savage,
Scudder,
Sergeant,
Shaw,
Sherwood,
Silsbee,
Tallmadge,
Tarr,
Taylor,
Tompkins,
Townsend,
Upham,
Wallace,
Wendover,
Westerlo,
Whiteside,
Whitman,
Williams, *Con.*
Williams, *N. Y.*
Wilson, *Mass.*
Wilson, *Pen.* 73

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of Claims.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did, on the 3d instant, approve and sign an act for the relief of John Bate; and on the 9th instant,

An act concerning the territory of Alabama.

An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1818.

An act for the relief of Narcissus Broutin and others.

An act to incorporate a Fire Insurance Company in the City of Washington; and,

An act confirming the claim of Tobias Rheams, to a tract of land granted to him by the Spanish government.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

An act in addition to an act, entitled "An act for the relief of John Thompson."

An act to incorporate the Mechanic Relief Society of Alexandria; and,

An act to repeal part of the act, entitled "An act to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States;" were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of the widow and children of Jacob Graeff, deceased.

An act for the relief of Benjamin Berry.

An act for the relief of Mary Sullivan.

An act for the relief of Jonathan Amory, jr. and the representatives of Thomas C. Amory, deceased.

An act to incorporate the Columbian Institute for the promotion of arts and sciences.

An act to authorize the payment in certain cases, on account of Treasury Notes, which have been lost or destroyed; and,

An act to increase the pay of the militia while in actual service, and for other purposes; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Josiah Bullock, was read the third time, and rejected by the House.

Ordered, That the bill for the relief of Henry King, be com-

mitted to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of the owners of the ship Ariadne and her cargo.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the said bill for the relief of the owners of the ship Ariadne and her cargo; and on the bill for the relief of Henry King; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported the said bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bills be engrossed and severally read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Jonas Harrison; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Bassett reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of John Dillon; and after some spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. H. Nelson reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of a company of rangers; also, on the bill for the relief of captain Benjamin Johnson and captain Henry Gist, and on the bill for the relief of a company of volunteer mounted cavalry; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Pitkin reported the said bills without amendment. The latter bill was then amended, and it was

Ordered, That the said bills be engrossed and severally read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have postponed to the 1st day of July next, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing John Taylor to be placed on the list of navy pensions." They have disagreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to make valid certain acts of the justices of the peace in the District of Columbia." They have passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes," with amendments. They have also passed bills of the following titles, viz. "An act for the relief of John Hall, late a major of marines;" and "An act in addition to an act to prohibit the introduction of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, 1808, and to repeal certain parts of the same;" in which amendments and bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the

bill supplementary to the act regulating the duties on imports and tonnage, passed 27th April, 1816; and on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning navigation;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Bassett reported the bill from the Senate without amendment, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the bill of this House.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 11, 1818.

Mr. Herrick presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying to be permitted to make payment for lands purchased of the United States, in such bank notes as may be current in said state.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States the enrolled bills, the examination of which was last reported.

Mr. Wilson also reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to repeal part of the act, entitled "An act to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States."

An act to incorporate the Mechanic Relief Society of Alexandria.

An act, in addition to an act, entitled "An act for the relief of John Thompson;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Ingham, from the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing in one of the western states, a branch of the General Post Office for the purpose of making contracts for the conveyance of the mail, and to correct abuses in that department, made a report: which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill supplementary to the several acts making appropriations for the year 1818; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Owen,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Duplin court house to Newbern, in North Carolina.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act

confirming Anthony Cavalier and Peter Petit in their claim to a a tract of land," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Noel Mongrain, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Ordered, That the said committee be also discharged from the further consideration of the petitions, and other matters, referred to them at the present session, upon which they have not acted.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions of Oliver Pilsipher, Neil M'Coy, and Henry Tubberman.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Stephen Jenks and Sons, and that it lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to increase the duties on certain manufactured articles imported into the United States, be discharged, and that the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to increase the duties on iron in bars and bolts, iron in pigs, castings, nails, and alum, and to disallow the drawback of duties on the re-exportation of gun powder.

Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, from the committee to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States of the 27th March, 1818, and accompanying documents, upon the subject of the expense incurred under the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th articles of the treaty of Ghent, with instructions to inquire into the nature and causes of said expenses, and into the principles upon which the commissioners under the 6th and 7th articles of said treaty have proceeded in the execution thereof, made a report thereon; which was read and referred to a committee of the whole on Tuesday next.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John Hall, late a major of marines," was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of Claims.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to 'An act to prohibit the introduction of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the 1st day of January, in the year of our Lord, 1808,' and to repeal certain parts of the same," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes," were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the message from the Senate, announcing their disagreement to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to make valid certain acts of the justices of the peace, in the District of Columbia:" whereupon,

Resolved, That this House insist on their said amendment and ask a conference with the Senate upon the subject matter thereof, and that managers be appointed to attend the said conference on the part of this House; and,

Mr. Pindall, Mr. Herbert, and Mr. Trimble, were appointed the said managers.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of State, upon the petition of Jonathan Elliot, together with the said petition, be referred to a select committee, and Mr. Burwell, Mr. Johnson of Kentucky, and Mr. Simkins, were appointed the said committee.

An engrossed bill for the relief of the owners of the ship Ariadne, and her cargo, was read the third time.

And on the question, Shall it pass?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....52, Nays.....82.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Lowndes,	Mr. Schuyler,
Allen, *Mass.*	Mason, *R. I.*	Sergeant,
Austin,	Mercer,	Seybert,
Baldwin,	Miller,	Sherwood,
Bloomfield,	Moseley,	Slocumb,
Butler,	Jer. Nelson,	S. Smith,
Campbell,	Ogden,	Alex. Smyth,
Darlington,	Pawling,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Hall, *Del.*	Peter,	Stuart, *Md.*
Herkimer,	Pindall,	Terry,
Holmes, *Con.*	Pitkin,	Townsend,
Hopkinson,	Pleasants,	Upham,
Huntington,	Poindexter,	Westerlo,
Irving, *N. Y.*	Reed,	Whitman,
Kirtland,	Rice,	Williams, *Con.*
Lawyer,	Richards,	Wilson, *Mass.* 52
Linn,	Ruggles,	
Livermore,	Sawyer,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Allen, *Vt.*	Mr. Crafts,	Mr. Folger,
Ball,	Crawford,	Forney,
Barbour, *Va.*	Cruger,	Forsyth,
Bassett,	Culbreth,	Gage,
Bennett,	Desha,	Garnett,
Blount,	Earle,	Hale,
Boden,	Edwards,	Hall, *N. C.*
Clagett,	Ellicott,	Harrison,
Comstock,	Ervin, *S. C.*	Hasbrouck,
Cook,	Floyd,	Hendricks,

Mr. Herrick,	Mr. H. Nelson,	Mr. Bal. Smith,
Hiester,	T. M. Nelson,	Southard,
Hogg,	Ogle,	Speed,
Hubbard,	Owen,	Strong,
Hunter,	Patterson,	Tallmadge,
Ingham,	Porter,	Tarr,
Johnson, *Va.*	Quarles,	Tompkins,
Jones,	Rhea,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Kinsey,	Rich,	Tyler,
Little,	Ringgold,	Wallace,
W. Maclay,	Robertson, *Lou.*	Wendover,
W. P. Macklay,	Rogers,	Whiteside,
M'Coy,	Sampson,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Marchand,	Savage,	Wiliams, *N. C.*
Merrill,	Scudder,	Wilkin,
Moore,	Settle,	Wilson, *Pen.* 82
Mumford,	Shaw,	
Murray,	Simkins,	

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of John Dillon.

An act for the relief of Jonas Harrison.

An act for the relief of a company of rangers.

An act for the relief of captain Henry Gist and captain Benjamin Johnson.

An act for the relief of volunteer mounted cavalry; and,

An act for the relief of Henry King; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning navigation."

And on the question, Shall it be read a third time?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....123, Nays.....16.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Butler,	Mr. Desha,
Allen, *Mass.*	Campbell,	Drake,
Allen, *Vt.*	Clagett,	Earle,
Baldwin,	Colston,	Edwards,
Barbour, *Va.*	Comstock,	Floyd,
Barber, *Ohio,*	Crafts,	Folger,
Bassett,	Crawford,	Forney,
Bateman,	Cruger,	Forsyth,
Bennett,	Culbreth,	Gage,
Bloomfield,	Cushman,	Hale,
Boden,	Darlington,	Hall, *Del.*

Mr. Hasbrouck,	Mr. Mumford,	Mr. Settle,
Hiester,	Murray,	Seybert,
Hitchcock,	Jer. Nelson,	Shaw,
Hogg,	H. Nelson,	Sherwood,
Holmes, *Con.*	T. M. Nelson,	Silsbee,
Hopkinson,	New,	Simkins,
Hubbard,	Ogden,	S. Smith,
Hunter,	Owen,	Bal. Smith,
Huntington,	Palmer,	Alex. Smyth,
Ingham,	Parrott,	J. S. Smith,
Irving, *N. Y.*	Patterson,	Southard,
Johnson, *Ken.*	Pawling,	Spencer,
Kinsey,	Pindall,	Strong,
Kirtland,	Pitkin,	Strother,
Lawyer,	Pleasants,	Tallmadge,
Lewis,	Poindexter,	Tarr,
Linn,	Porter,	Taylor,
Little,	Quarles,	Terry,
Livermore,	Reed,	Tompkins,
Lowndes,	Rhea,	Townsend,
W. Maclay,	Rich,	Tyler,
W. P. Maclay,	Richards,	Upham,
M'Coy,	Ringgold,	Walker, *Ken.*
Marchand,	Robertson, *Lou.*	Wallace,
Mason, *R. I.*	Rogers,	Wendover,
Merrill,	Ruggles,	Whiteside,
Miller,	Sampson,	Whitman,
Moore,	Savage,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Morton,	Scudder,	Williams, *N. C.*
Moseley,	Sergeant	Wilkin, 123

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harrison,	Mr. Peter,
Austin,	Hendricks,	Rice,
Ellicott,	Herrick,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Ervin, *S. C.*	Holmes, *Mass.*	Wilson, *Mass.* 16
Garnett,	Johnson, *Va.*	
Hall, *N. C.*	Mercer,	

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.
The said bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.
And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, April 13, 1818.

Ordered, That Mr. Ball have leave of absence from the service of this House from to day, and Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, from Friday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Sampson presented a petition of Rufus Lincoln, praying compensation for property lost in the revolutionary war and for his services as an officer in said war.

Ordered, That the said petition lie on the table.

The Speaker presented a petition of Edward Dean, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill concerning invalid pensioners.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, to which were referred the bills from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the president and directors of the Merchant's Bank of New Port in Rhode Island;" and "An act for the relief of Louis and Antoine Duquindue;" reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bills be committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which were referred the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes," made a report; whereupon,

Resolved, That they concur in all the said amendments, except the two latter, to which they disagree.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payment thereon," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to an act to prohibit the introduction of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, 1808, and to repeal certain parts of the same;" reported the said bill with two amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which are committed the bill supplementary to an act regulating duties on imports and tonnage, passed the 27th April, 1816; the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imposts and tonnage, passed the 2d day of March, 1799; and the bill providing for the deposite of wines and distilled spirits in public warehouses, be discharged, and that the first mentioned bill be postponed indefinitely, and that the two latter lie on the table.

Mr. Bassett moved that the House do now proceed to consider

the unfavorable report of the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, on the petition of Richard G. Morris.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the bill for the relief of James Mackay of the Missouri territory, be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Briggs;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the same with an amendment which was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri; also, on the bill for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing land offices in the district east of the island of New Orleans; the bill for the relief of Jonathan D. Essary and John Seybold; and on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Michael Jones;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the second mentioned bill with amendments; and the two latter without amendment.

Ordered, That the bill supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana, and territory of Missouri, lie on the table.

The amendments reported to the bill for adjusting the claims to land and establishing land offices in the district east of the island of New Orleans, were read and concurred in by the House; and the bill was then ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the bill for the relief of Jonathan D. Essary and John Seybold, be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Michael Jones," be also read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Pearson;" and "An act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and to repeal the acts therein mentioned," with amendments to the latter; in which they ask the concurrence of this House. They have agreed to the conference asked by this House, upon the subject matter of the disagreeing vote of the two houses, on the amendment depending to the bill, entitled "An act to make valid certain acts of the justices of the peace of the District of Columbia." And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Thomas Carr, and others; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported that the committee had made some progress therein and asked leave to sit again.

The question was then taken, Shall the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill?

And determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to an act giving pensions to the widows and orphans of persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the United States;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the said bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the last mentioned committee of the whole, be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Mrs. Arundel, and the resolution in behalf of Mrs. Lawrence; and that they lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of John B. Dabney; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. H. Nelson, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill repealing so much of an act as allows pay and emoluments to brevet rank; and on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act regulating the pay and emoluments of brevet rank; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the said bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the bill from the Senate be read a third time to-morrow; and that the bill of this House be postponed indefinitely.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to increase the duties on iron in bars and bolts, iron in pigs, castings, nails, and alum; and to disallow the drawback of duties on the re-exportation of gun powder; and on the bill to increase the duties on certain manufactured articles imported into the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had made some progress therein and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

Mr. Speed from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the 11th instant, present to the Presi-

dent of the United States, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to repeal part of the act, entitled "An act to provide for surveying the coast of the United States.

An act to incorporate the Mechanic Relief Society of Alexandria.

An act in addition to the act, entitled "An act for the relief of John Thompson."

Mr. Slocumb, from the conferees appointed on the part of this House, to attend a conference with the managers on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing vote of the two houses, on an amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act directing the manner of appointing Indian agents and continuing the act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," made a report; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 14, 1818.

Ordered, That Mr. Holmes, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Shaw, have leave of absence from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Edwin Lewis, soliciting the House to take into their consideration the charges preferred by him at the last session, against Harry Toulmin, a judge in the late territory of Mississippi, and at present a judge in the territory of Alabama, and stating that he is prepared to substantiate the said charges.

Ordered, That the said letter be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, presented a memorial of the Clerks employed in the executive offices of the government at Washington, praying for an increase of compensation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to regulate and fix the compensation of Clerks in the different offices.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, reported a bill for the relief of Samuel H. Harper, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for changing the compensation of the registers and receivers of land offices.

Mr. Ingham, from the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill to increase the compensation of deputy postmasters in certain cases; which was read the first and second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary

Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Neil M'Coull, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. Seybert, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, reported a bill making the port of Bath, in Massachusetts, a port of entry for ships or vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, and from places beyond the same; and for establishing a collection district, whereof Belfast shall be the port of entry; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed to inquire what fees have been charged and received by the district attorney of the southern district of the state of New York, in prosecutions brought by him against retailers of spirits for vending them without license: and also, what fees have been received and charged by the other officers of the United States, in the said southern district of the state of New York. And who were further instructed to prepare and report a bill of fees for the officers of the United States, in the courts of the United States, made a report; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, from the committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payment thereon," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported amendments to be proposed to the bill supplementary to the several acts relative to direct taxes and internal duties; which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Naval Affairs, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of James W. Lowe, of Jane Parke, of sundry inhabitants of the state of Connecticut, and of William Vaughan; and that they lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Resolved, That the committee of the whole, be discharged from the further consideration of the report of the select committee appointed to inquire into the expenses incurred under the the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th articles of the treaty of Ghent, and that the same be referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Taylor, Mr. Williams, of Connecticut, Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Rich, Mr. Morton, Mr. Sherwood, and Mr. Ballard Smith, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, laid before the House, an act of the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled "An act to allow *British* plantation sugar and coffee imported into *Bermuda* in *British* ships, to be exported to the territories of the United States of America in foreign ships or vessels, and to permit articles the production of the said United States, to be imported into the said island in foreign

ships or vessels," passed on the 1st of July, 1812; which was ordered to lie on the table, and be printed for the use of the members of Congress.

Bills of the Senate, of the following titles, to wit:

An act regulating the pay and emoluments of brevet officers.

An act in addition to an act giving pensions to the widows and orphans of persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the United States; and,

An act for the relief of Michael Jones; were severally read the third time and passed.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Briggs;" was read a third time and passed as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of James Mackay of the Missouri territory.

An act for the relief of John B. Dabney; and,

An act for the relief of Jonathan D. Essary and John Seybold, were severally read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to lay before this House, a statement of the number and respective dates of the contracts made for the completion of the Cumberland road, exhibiting therein, the names of the several contractors, the extent of the road provided for by each contract, and the cost thereof per lineal; and of all the mason work per solid perch: that the said statement furnish, where practicable, the cost of the several bridges erected upon the said road; that it also present the total cost of the said road, the extent thereof already completed or contracted for, and of the part thereof for which no contract has been made, with the probable expense of completing the same: that there be subjoined to the said statement a report of the greatest elevation of any part of the said road, the average breadth thereof, and of the bed of stone or gravel laid thereupon, with the depth of the materials at the sides and in the centre of such bed: also, what provision, if any, has hitherto been made for keeping the whole or any part of the said road in repair; and the past expense, if any, attending such repairs.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have considered the report of the conferees on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses on the amendment of this House to the bill, entitled "An act directing the manner of appointing Indian agents, and continuing the act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" and have disagreed to the first, and agreed to the second recommendation of the conferees. The Senate have passed the bill of this House, entitled

"An act to enable the people of the Illinois Territory, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states," with amendments; and they have passed a bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States;" in which amendments and bill they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and to repeal the acts therein mentioned," were read and referred to the committee on Foreign Relations.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill supplementary to "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," passed the 2d day of March, 1799; and the same being amended,

A motion was made by Mr. Silsbee further to amend the same by adding thereto the following section, to wit:

"*And be it further enacted*, That masters or other persons having charge of vessels, which may arrive from a foreign port within any district, on their way to another district of the United States, shall not be required to make entry of the vessel or pay hospital money, or tonnage duty, in the district where she may first arrive; nor to proceed from the place at which the vessel may first arrive, to any other place within said district for the purpose of making a report."

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill providing for the deposite of wines and distilled spirits in public ware houses; and the same being amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the report of the committee of Claims, made on the 11th of March last, upon the subject of an extension of the provisions of the act of the 9th of April, 1816, making payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed in the late war, be recommitted to the committee of Claims.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to an act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," was read the first time;

And the question being taken, Shall it now be read a second time?

It was determined in the negative.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Illinois Territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such

state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states," were read and referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Pope, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Robertson, of Kentucky, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Nesbitt were appointed the said committee.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the report of the conferees on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses on the amendment of this House to the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act directing the manner of appointing Indian agents, and continuing the act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" and the said report being read; it was

Resolved, That this House do *recede* from their amendment to the said bill to which the Senate have disagreed, and that they agree to the amendment to the said bill as contained in the second recommendation of the conferees.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did, on the 11th instant, approve and sign,

An act for the relief of John Rodgers.

An act for the relief of Daniel Burnet, Gibson Clark, and the legal representatives of Hubert Rowel.

An act for the relief of Sarah Dewees, widow and relict of William Dewees, deceased, and the heirs and legal representatives of the said William Dewees.

An act to change the name of the district of Erie, in the state of Ohio.

On the 13th instant,

An act to authorize the payment of certain certificates.

And on this day,

An act making further appropriations for the construction of the Cumberland Road; and,

An act for the relief of general Moses Porter.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to increase the duties on iron in bars and bolts, iron in pigs, castings, nails, and alum, and to disallow the drawback of duties on the re-exportation of gunpowder; and on the bill to increase the duties on certain manufactured articles imported into the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the said bills with amendments to each.

The amendments to the first mentioned bill were read and concurred in by the House.

The 1st section of the said bill is as follows, viz.

"That from and after the 30th day of June, 1818, the duties now by law levied, collected and paid on iron in pigs, iron castings, nails, iron in bars and bolts, excepting iron manufactured by rolling, and on alum imported into the United States, shall cease and

determine; and there shall be levied, collected, and paid in lieu thereof, the several and specific duties hereinafter mentioned; that is to say; on iron in pigs, fifty cents per hundred weight; on iron castings, seventy-five cents per hundred weight; on nails four cents per pound; on spikes, three cents per pound; on iron in bars and bolts, *manufactured without rolling*, *one dollar* per hundred weight; on anchors, two cents per pound; and on alum, two dollars per hundred weight."

A motion was made by Mr. Lowndes, further to amend the said bill, by striking out from the 1st section thereof these words, viz. "manufactured without rolling;" which motion was rejected by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Butler, to amend the same section by striking out these words, "*one dollar.*"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....50. / Nays.....82.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbot,	Mr. Irving, *N. Y.*	Mr. Settle,
Austin,	Johnson, *Va.*	Sherwood,
Barbour, *Va.*	Jones,	Silsbee,
Blount,	Lowndes,	Slocumb,
Boss,	M'Coy,	Bal. Smith,
Burwell,	Morton,	Alex. Smyth,
Butler,	Jer. Nelson,	J. S. Smith,
Clagett,	T. M. Nelson,	Speed,
Claiborne,	Owen,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Cobb,	Peter,	Terrell,
Edwards,	Pitkin,	Tucker, *Va.*
Ervin, *S. C.*	Pleasants,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Garnett,	Poindexter,	Whitman,
Herbert,	Reed,	Williams, *Con.*
Hogg,	Rhea,	Williams, *N. C.*
Holmes, *Con.*	Robertson, *Ken.*	Wilson, *Mass.* 50
Huntington,	Sampson,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Boden,	Mr. Drake,
Allen, *Vt.*	Campbell,	Earle,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Colston,	Folger,
Baldwin,	Comstock,	Gage,
Barber, *Ohio*,	Crafts,	Hale,
Bassett,	Crawford,	Hall, *Del.*
Bateman,	Cruger,	Hasbrouck,
Beecher,	Culbreth,	Hendricks,
Bennett,	Darlington,	Herrick,
Bloomfield,	Desha,	Hiester,

Mr. Hitchcock,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Simkins,
Hopkinson,	Ogden,	Southard,
Hubbard,	Ogle,	Spencer,
Hunter,	Palmer,	Strother,
Ingham,	Parrott,	Tarr,
Kinsey,	Patterson,	Taylor,
Lawyer,	Pawling,	Terry,
Lewis,	Pindall,	Tompkins,
Linn,	Porter,	Trimble,
Little,	Rich,	Upham,
W. Maclay,	Richards,	Wallace,
W. P. Maclay,	Ringgold,	Wendover,
Marchand,	Rogers,	Whiteside,
Marr,	Ruggles,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Mason, *Mass.*	Sawyer,	Wilkin,
Mason, *R. I.*	Scudder,	Wilson, *Pen.* 82
Merrill,	Sergeant,	
Mumford,	Seybert,	

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The amendments reported to the bill to increase the duties on certain manufactured articles imported into the United States, were read and concurred in by the House, and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas M. Nelson, that during the remainder of the session the House will adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock A. M.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 15, 1818.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate disagree to the amendment proposed by this House, to their bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Briggs;" and they have receded from their 7th amendment to the bill of this House, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes;" and they insist on their 8th amendment to the said bill. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Edwards have leave of absence from the service of this House from Friday next, and Mr. Allen of Massachusetts, from this day, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Herbert, presented a petition of Lavinia Gassaway, widow of Henry Gassaway, deceased, a lieutenant in the army of the revolution, praying to be allowed and paid such sum as may be due for the services of the deceased in the capacity aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Michael Jones.

An act directing the manner of appointing Indian agents, and continuing the act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes.

An act regulating the pay and emoluments of brevet officers.

An act in addition to an act giving pensions to the orphans and widows of persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the United States; and,

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Pearson, and had found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John Hall, late a major of marines," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Richard M. Johnson."

Mr. Williams, also, reported a bill for transferring the claims in the office of the commissioner to the third auditor of the Treasury Department; which was read the first and second time, and also committed to the committee of the whole House last mentioned.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of Manuel Torres, which was read; and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition.

Mr. Pindall, from the conferees appointed on the part of this House, to attend a conference with the conferees on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing vote of the two houses, on an amendment proposed by this House to the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to make valid certain acts of the justices of the peace in the District of Columbia," reported, that the conferees of the two Houses had been unable to come to any agreement upon the subject committed to them, and moved that the House adhere to their said amendment; when it was,

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Ordered, That the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Pope, from the committee to whom was referred, yesterday, the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Illinois territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state

into the Union on an equal footing with the original states," reported the agreement of the committee to the said amendments.

The said amendments were then read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Forsyth, from the committee on Foreign Relations, to whom were referred the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and to repeal the acts therein mentioned," reported their agreement to the said amendments, except one, to which they have disagreed.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Bassett, that the House do now proceed to consider the unfavorable report of the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, on the petition of Richard G. Morriss; which motion was rejected by the House.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to 'An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States,'" was read the second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which are committed the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act fixing the compensation of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, and of the clerks employed in their offices;" and the bill to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks in the different offices, be discharged, and that they be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill supplementary to the several acts making appropriations for the year 1818.

Mr. Scott gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, move the House for leave to bring in a bill to suspend the sales of certain lands in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, on the 11th instant, approve and sign,

An act for the relief of Ashael Clark.

An act to provide for paying to the state of Indiana three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sales of the United States' lands within the same.

An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants and for returning the surveys thereon to the General Land Office, and for designating the western boundary line of the Virginia military tract; and,

An act for the relief of Lemuel H. Osgood.

On the 13th instant,

An act to incorporate the Mechanic Relief Society of Alexandria.

And on the 14th instant,

An act to regulate the staff of the army.

An act to repeal part of the act, entitled "An act to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States;" and,

An act in addition to an act, entitled "An act for the relief of John Thompson."

The Senate have rejected bills of this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of John Anderson; and,

An act for the relief of Gad Worthington.

They have passed bills of this House, of the following titles, to wit:

An act to establish a port of entry and delivery at Cape Vincent, at the fork of Lake Ontario, and the head of the river St. Lawrence.

An act to abolish the port of delivery established at the mouth of Slade's Creek, in the state of North Carolina.

An act for the relief of Seth Sprague and others.

An act for the relief of major general Jacob Brown.

An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress; and,

An act for the relief of Thomas Miller and Stephen Baker, with amendments to the three latter.

They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases.

An act authorizing a subscription for the Statistical Annals, by Adam Seybert, and the purchase of Pitkin's Commercial Statistics.

An act fixing the compensation of Indian agents and factors; in which amendments and bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to 'An act to prohibit the introduction of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the 1st day of January, in the year of our Lord, 1808,' and to repeal certain parts of the same;" and the amendments agreed to on the 13th instant; were ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time to-day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payment thereon;" was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to increase the compensation of deputy postmasters in certain cases.

An act making the port of Bath in Massachusetts, a port of entry for ships or vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, and from places beyond the same, and for establishing a collection district whereof Belfast shall be the port of entry.

An act providing for the deposite of wines and distilled spirits in public warehouses.

An act to increase the duties on certain manufactured articles imported into the United States; and,

An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," passed the 2d day of March, 1799, were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill to increase the duties on iron in bars and bolts, iron in pigs, castings, nails, and alum, and to disallow the drawback of duties on the re-exportation of gunpowder, was also read the third time;

And on the question, Shall the said bill pass?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....88, Nays.....47.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Herrick,	Mr. Patterson,
Allen, *Vt.*	Hiester,	Pindall,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Hitchcock,	Porter,
Baldwin,	Holmes, *Con.*	Rich,
Barber, *Ohio*,	Hopkinson,	Richards,
Bassett,	Hubbard,	Ringgold,
Bateman,	Hunter,	Rogers,
Beecher,	Ingham,	Ruggles,
Bennett,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Savage,
Bloomfield,	Kinsey,	Sawyer
Boden,	Kirtland,	Scudder,
Campbell,	Lawyer,	Sergeant,
Colston,	Linn,	Seybert,
Crafts,	Little,	Southard,
Crawford,	W. Maclay,	Spencer,
Cruger,	W. P. Maclay,	Tarr,
Culbreth,	Marchand,	Taylor,
Darlington,	Mason, *Mass.*	Tompkins,
Desha,	Mason, *R. I.*	Townsend,
Drake,	Mercer,	Trimble,
Earle,	Merrill,	Tucker, *Va.*
Ellicott,	Miller,	Walker, *N. C.*
Folger,	Moore,	Walker, *Ken.*
Gage,	Moseley,	Wallace,
Hale,	Mumford,	Wendover,
Hall, *Del.*	Murray,	Whiteside,
Harrison,	Ogden,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Hasbrouck,	Ogle,	Wilson, *Pen.* 88
Hendricks,	Palmer,	
Herkimer,	Parrott,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Austin,	Mr. Livermore,	Mr. Robertson, *Lou.*
Barbour, *Va.*	Lowndes,	Sampson,
Blount,	M'Coy,	Settle,
Burwell,	Middleton,	Sherwood,
Butler,	Morton,	Silsbee,
Clagett,	Jer. Nelson,	Slocumb,
Claiborne,	H. Nelson,	Bal. Smith,
Edwards,	T. M. Nelson,	Speed,
Floyd,	Peter,	Strong,
Forney,	Pitkin,	Strother,
Garnett,	Pleasants,	Stuart, *Md.*
Herbert,	Poindexter,	Terrell,
Hogg,	Reed,	Whitman,
Huntington,	Rhea,	Williams, *Con.*
Johnson, *Va.*	Rice,	Williams, *N. C.* 47
Jones,	Robertson, *Ken.*	

Ordered, That the title be, "An act to increase the duties on iron in bars and bolts, iron in pigs, castings, nails, and alum;" and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to bills of this House, entitled,

An act for the relief of major general Jacob Brown,

An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress; and,

An act for the relief of Thomas Miller and Stephen Baker,

were read and severally concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House took up and proceeded to reconsider their disagreement to the 8th amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes;" on which amendment the Senate have insisted; and the said amendment being again read; it was

Resolved, That this House *recede* from their disagreement to the said 8th amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to reconsider their amendment to the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Briggs," to which the Senate have disagreed; and the said amendment being again read; it was

Resolved, That this House recede from the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act fixing the compensation of Indian agents and factors," was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to Indian affairs.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing a subscription for the Statistical Annals by Adam Seybert, and the purchase of Pitkin's Commercial Statistics," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases," was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 10th instant, relative to the capture and imprisonment of certain persons, citizens of the United States, therein specifically mentioned, I now transmit a report from the Secretary of State, which, with the documents accompanying it, embrace the objects contemplated by the said resolution.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, April 15, 1818.

Ordered, That the said message and documents lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to continue in force, from and after the 30th June, 1819, until the 30th June, 1826, the 4th paragraph of the 1st section of the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the same with sundry amendments; which were read and concurred in by the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Mercer, further to amend the said bill by adding to the 1st section thereof the following proviso:

Provided, That every description of cotton goods shall be valued at the custom house as all woollen goods are valued on the imposition of the duty prescribed by law.

And the question being taken to agree to the said proviso,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Colston, further to amend the said bill, by striking out *one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six*, and inserting, *one thousand eight hundred and twenty*, thereby contemplating to reduce the operation of the bill to one year instead of seven years.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was also determined in the negative, { Yeas.....31, Nays.....108.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Austin,
Barbour, *Va.*
Burwell,
Cobb,
Colston,
Edwards,
Ervin, *S. C.*
Forney,
Hogg,
Johnson, *Va.*
Mercer,
Miller,
H. Nelson,
T. M. Nelson,
Peter,
Pindall,
Pleasants,
Reed,
Rhea,
Schuyler,
Slocumb,
Bal. Smith,
Alex. Smyth,
J. S. Smith,
Stewart, *N. C.*
Stuart, *Md.*
Tucker, *Va.*
Tucker, *S. C.*
Walker, *N. C.*
Williams, *N. C.*
Wilson, *Mass.*

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,
Adams,
Allen, *Vt.*
Anderson, *Ken.*
Baldwin,
Barber, *Ohio,*
Bassett,
Bateman,
Beecher,
Bennett,
Bloomfield,
Boden,
Boss,
Butler,
Campbell,
Clagett,
Cook,
Crafts,
Crawford,
Cruger,
Culbreth,
Cushman,
Darlington,
Desha,
Drake,
Earle,
Ellicott,
Floyd,
Folger
Gage,
Hale,
Hall, *Del.*
Harrison,
Hasbrouck,
Herrick,
Hitchcock,
Holmes, *Con.*
Hopkinson,
Hubbard,
Hunter,
Huntington,
Ingham,
Irving, *N. Y.*
Jones,
Kinsey,
Kirtland,
Lawyer,
Linn,
Little,
Livermore,
Lowndes,
W. Maclay,
W. P. Macklay,
M'Coy,
Marchand,
Marr,
Mason, *Mass.*
Mason, *R. I.*
Merrill,
Moore,
Morton,
Moseley,
Mumford,
Murray,
Ogden,
Ogle,
Palmer,
Parrott,
Patterson,
Pitkin,
Porter,
Rich,
Richards,
Ringgold,
Robertson, *Ken.*
Robertson, *Lou.*
Rogers,
Ruggles,
Sampson,
Savage,
Sawyer,
Scudder,
Sergeant,
Seybert,
Sherwood,
Simkins,
S. Smith,
Southard,
Speed,
Spencer,
Strong,
Strother,
Tarr,
Taylor,
Terry,
Tompkins,
Townsend,
Trimble,
Walker, *Ken.*
Wallace,
Wendover,
Westerlo,
Whiteside,
Whitman,
Williams, *Con.*
Williams, *N. Y.*
Wilkin,
Wilson, [illegible] 108

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, then offered the following amendment, to come in as the 4th section of the said bill, viz.

That from and after the 30th of June next, the duty of twenty cents on each bushel of salt imported into the United States, shall expire; and that from and after that time, a duty of twelve and an half cents per bushel shall be levied and collected for each bushel imported.

And the question being taken to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....53, Nays.....92.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hopkinson,	Mr. Settle,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Johnson, *Va.*	Sherwood,
Austin,	Livermore,	Silsbee,
Baldwin,	M'Coy,	Simkins,
Barbour, *Va.*	Mercer,	Slocumb,
Boden,	Miller,	J. S. Smith,
Burwell,	Jer. Nelson,	Southard,
Butler,	H. Nelson,	Speed,
Clagett,	T. M. Nelson,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Cobb,	Ogle,	Strother,
Colston,	Peter,	Tucker, *Va.*
Edwards,	Pindall,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Ervin, *S. C.*	Reed,	Walker, *N. C.*
Hale,	Ringgold,	Walker, *Ken.*
Hall, *Del.*	Robertson, *Lou.*	Williams, *Con.*
Herbert,	Rogers,	Williams, *N. C.*
Herkimer,	Savage,	Wilson, *Mass.* 53
Hogg,	Schuyler,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Cushman,	Mr. Huntington,
Allen, *Vt.*	Darlington,	Irving, *N. Y.*
Barber, *Ohio,*	Desha,	Jones,
Bassett,	Drake,	Kinsey,
Bateman,	Earle,	Kirtland,
Beecher,	Ellicott,	Lawyer,
Bennett,	Floyd,	Linn,
Bloomfield,	Folger,	Little,
Blount,	Forney,	Lowndes,
Boss,	Gage,	W. Maclay,
Campbell,	Harrison,	W. P. Maclay,
Comstock,	Hasbrouck,	Marchand,
Cook,	Hendricks,	Marr,
Crafts,	Herrick,	Mason, *Mass.*
Crawford,	Hitchcock,	Mason, *R. I.*
Cruger,	Hubbard,	Merrill,
Culbreth,	Hunter,	Moore,

Mr. Morton,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. Terry,
Moseley,	Robertson, *Ken.*	Tompkins,
Mumford,	Ruggles,	Townsend,
Murray,	Sampson,	Trimble,
Ogden,	Sawyer,	Upham,
Owen,	Scudder,	Wallace,
Palmer,	Sergeant,	Wendover,
Parrott,	Seybert,	Westerlo,
Patterson,	Bal. Smith,	Whiteside,
Pitkin,	Spencer,	Whitman,
Pleasants,	Strong,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Porter,	Tarr,	Wilkin,
Rhea,	Taylor,	Wilson, *Pen.* 92
Rich,	Terrell,	

The question was then taken, Shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time,

And passed in the affirmative. { Yeas.....106, Nays.....34.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Folger,	Mr. Moore,
Adams,	Gage,	Morton,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Hale,	Moseley,
Baldwin,	Hall, *Del.*	Mumford,
Barber, *Ohio,*	Hasbrouck,	Murray,
Bassett,	Hendricks,	Ogden,
Bateman,	Herkimer,	Ogle,
Beecher,	Herrick,	Palmer,
Bennett,	Hitchcock,	Parrott,
Bloomfield,	Holmes, *Con.*	Patterson,
Boden,	Hopkinson,	Pitkin,
Boss,	Hubbard,	Porter,
Butler,	Hunter,	Rich,
Campbell,	Huntington,	Richards,
Clagett,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Ringgold,
Comstock,	Kinsey,	Robertson, *Ken.*
Cook,	Kirtland,	Robertson, *Lou.*
Crafts,	Lawyer,	Rogers,
Crawford,	Linn,	Ruggles,
Crugen,	Little,	Sampson,
Culbreth,	Lowndes,	Savage,
Cushman,	W. Maclay,	Sawyer,
Darlington,	W. P. Maclay,	Scudder,
Desha,	McCoy,	Sergeant
Drake,	Marchand,	Seybert,
Earle,	Mason, *Mass.*	Sherwood,
Ellicott,	Mason, *R. I.*	Silsbee,
Floyd,	Merrill,	Simkins,

Mr. Southard,	Mr. Tompkins,	Mr. Whiteside,
Speed,	Townsend,	Whitman,
Spencer,	Trimble,	Williams, *Con.*
Strong,	Upham,	Williams, *N. Y.*
Tarr,	Walker, *Ken.*	Wilkin,
Taylor,	Wallace,	Wilson, *Pen.* 106
Terrell,	Wendover,	
Terry,	Westerlo,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Austin,	Mr. Johnson, *Va.*	Mr. Settle,
Barbour, *Va.*	Jones,	Slocumb,
Blount,	Mercer,	Bal. Smith,
Burwell,	Miller,	J. S. Smith,
Cobb,	T. M. Nelson,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Colston,	Owen,	Tucker, *Va.*
Edwards,	Peter,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Ervin, *S. C.*	Pindall,	Walker, *N. C.*
Forney,	Pleasants,	Wiliams, *N. C.*
Harrison,	Reed,	Wilson, *Mass.* 34
Herbert,	Rhea,	
Hogg,	Schuyler,	

Ordered, That the said bill be read athird time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual statements of the importations of merchandise in American and foreign vessels for one year, ending on the 30th September, 1816; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting sundry statements presented in obedience to "An act establishing a mint and regulating the coins of the United States;" which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House sundry papers, transmitted to him by the Secretary of State, being the remainder of those referred to in his report of the 14th March, accompanying the message of the President of the United States of that date; which papers were ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 16, 1818.

Mr. Poindexter presented sundry documents in relation to the charges against judge Toulmin, which were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States the enrolled bills the examination of which was reported yesterday.

Mr. Wilson also reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills entitled

An act to enable the people of the Illinois territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the union on an equal footing with the original states;

An act to abolish the port of delivery established at the mouth of Slade's Creek, in the state of North Carolina;

An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress;

An act to establish a port of entry and delivery at Cape Vincent at the fork of Lake Ontario and the head of the river St. Lawrence;

An act for the relief of Thomas Miller and Stephen Baker;

An act for the relief of Seth Sprague and others;

An act for the relief of Major General Jacob Brown;

An act for the relief of Isaac Briggs;

An act concerning navigation; and

An act to suspend for a limited time the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payment thereon;

And found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing a subscription for the Statistical Annals by Adam Seybert, and the purchase of Pitkin's Commercial Statistics, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, that the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. H. Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to an act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States," reported the same without amendment.

A motion was then made, that the said bill be postponed indefinitely;

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....85. Nays.....50.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Austin,	Mr. Blount,	Mr. Cruger,
Baldwin,	Boden,	Darlington,
Barbour, *Va.*	Burwell,	Desha,
Barber, *Ohio*,	Campbell,	Drake,
Bateman,	Claiborne,	Edwards,
Beecher,	Cook,	Ellicott,
Bennett,	Crawford,	Ervin, *S. C.*

Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Mason, *R. I.*	Mr. Settle,
Forney,	Mercer,	Sherwood,
Gage,	Merrill,	Slocumb,
Garnett,	Miller,	Bal. Smith,
Hendricks,	Moore,	Speed,
Herbert,	Morton,	Spencer,
Herkimer,	Murray,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Herrick,	T. M. Nelson,	Stuart, *Md.*
Hitchcock,	Ogle,	Tarr,
Hogg,	Owen,	Taylor,
Holmes, *Con.*	Palmer,	Tompkins,
Hubbard,	Patterson,	Tucker, *Va.*
Hunter,	Peter,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Huntington,	Pleasants,	Walker, *N. C.*
Irving, *N. Y.*	Poindexter,	Walker, *Ken.*
Johnson, *Va.*	Porter,	Wallace,
Jones,	Reed,	Wendover,
Kinsey,	Rhea,	Whiteside,
Linn,	Ringgold,	Williams, *Con.*
Little,	Sampson,	Wilkin. 85
Livermore,	Savage,	
Marchand,	Scudder,	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Kirtland,	Mr. Ruggles,
Allen, *Vt.*	Lowndes,	Sawyer,
Bassett,	W. P. Maclay,	Sergeant,
Bloomfield,	M'Coy,	Silsbee,
Boss,	Mason, *Mas.*	Simkins,
Butler,	Middleton,	S. Smith,
Clagett,	Moseley,	J. S. Smith,
Cobb,	Mumford,	Southard,
Colston,	H. Nelson,	Strong,
Crafts,	Pawling,	Strother,
Forsyth,	Pindall,	Townsend,
Hall, *Del.*	Pitkin,	Trimble
Harrison,	Rich,	Upham,
Hiester,	Richards,	Whitman,
Hopkinson,	Robertson, *Ken.*	Williams, *N.*
Ingham,	Robertson, *Lou.*	Wilson, *Penn.* 50
Johnson, *Ken.*	Rogers,	

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. T. M. Nelson, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill to authorize the recovery of public moneys; which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of giving effect, by law,

to an act passed by the general assembly of the state of Mississippi, entitled "An act making appropriations for the use of the Natchez Hospital."

On motion of Mr. Hugh Nelson,

Resolved, That the committee of Accounts be authorized and directed to make the same allowance for extra services to the persons serving this House as were granted at the end of the last session, and to Christopher Dunn, for his services, fifty dollars.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to obtain from the Spanish authorities all records and official documents appertaining to the government of Louisiana, particularly such as concern grants and titles to land which may have been taken out of that country at the period of its cession to the United States.

Mr. Robertson and Mr. Irving were appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Resolved, That the memorials and petitions relative to land claims which have been addressed to this House from the state of Louisiana and the territory of Missouri, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, and that he be instructed to report to Congress, at its next session, a plan for their final adjustment and settlement.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions of Louis Doliver, Sylviant Mottus, John Forbes & Co. Alexander Murray, Daniel Evans, and the representatives of Joseph Clay.

Mr. Lewis submitted the following proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two-thirds of the same concurring, That the following sections be recommended to the several states of the union, for their adoption, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States:

I. The President of the United States shall not, in future, have the power of approving or disapproving any bill, or bills, or joint resolutions, passed by the Senate and House of Representatives.

II. The Senate and House of Representatives of the United States shall, by joint ballot, appoint to offices, and fill all vacancies in the judiciary of the United States.

III. The Senate and House of Representatives of the United States shall appoint, by joint ballot, the following heads of departments, whose term of service shall continue —— years; but may be removed from office at any time during the term for which they were elected, for inability to discharge the duties of office, or for high crimes and misdemeanors:

1st. A Secretary of the Treasury, who shall appoint all officers belonging to the Department of the Treasury.

2d. A Secretary of War, who shall have the power of appointing all officers, both civil and military, belonging to the Department of War.

3d. A Secretary of the Navy, who shall have the power to appoint all officers, both civil and military, belonging to the Department of the Navy.

4th. A Post Master General, who shall have the power to appoint all officers belonging to Post Office Department.

IV. Vacancies occasioned by death, resignation, or removal from office, in the Judiciary, or of the heads of departments shall be amenable to Congress for all appointments made by them; and to prevent improper recommendations to office, whenever any person in office shall be convicted of any crime, misdemeanor, or be dismised from office, for neglect of duty, the name of the person so convicted, or dismissed, with the name or names of those who recommended, him to office, shall be advertised for six months in some newspapers, in every state and territory of the United States in which there shall be a printing office.

V. No member of Congress shall be appointed to any office, either civil or military, under the government of the United States, during the term for which he was elected, and for twelve months thereafter.

In pursuance of the notice given yesterday, Mr. Scott asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to suspend the sales of certain lands in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri; and Mr. Scott, Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, and Mr. Poindexter, were appointed a committee to prepare and bring in the same, with leave to sit during the session of the House.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to an act to prohibit the introduction of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, 1808," and to repeal certain parts of the same, was read the third time and passed as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to continue in force from and after the 30th of June, 1819, until the 30th June, 1826, the fourth paragraph of the 1st section of the act, entitled, "An act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be, "An act to continue in force from and after the 30th June, 1819, until the 30th June, 1826, the fourth paragraph of the 1st section of the act entitled 'An act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage' and for other purposes," and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, notifying, that

the President did, this day, approve and sign, "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Pearson."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Cornelia Mason; also, on the bill concerning invalid pensioners; and on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Landon Carter; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the bill concerning invalid pensioners, with sundry amendments, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the remaining bills.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, have leave to sit again on the said remaining bills.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign,

An act directing the manner of appointing Indian agents and continuing the act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes.

An act for the relief of Michael Jones.

An act in addition to an act giving pensions to the widows and orphans of persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the United States; and,

An act regulating the pay and emoluments of brevet officers.

The Senate have rejected the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Thorn;" and they have passed bills, entitled "An act to provide for erecting additional buildings for the accommodation of the several executive departments;" and "An act for the relief of the houses of Thomas and John Clifford, Elisha Fisher and Company, Thomas Clifford and Son, and Thomas Clifford, of Philadelphia, and Charles Wirgman, of Baltimore," with amendments to the latter; in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 17, 1818.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions and papers of Francis Halsey, Septa Fillmore, and Philip Bryant.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of John Gooding and James Williams, owners of the private armed schooner *Midas*, on behalf of themselves, the officers and crew of said schooner, praying to be allowed the bounty granted by the act of the 19th of March, 1814, on a crew of black prisoners of war, which was captured and brought into port by the said private armed vessel.

Ordered, That the said petition lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be discharged from the consideration of the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Poindexter, upon the subject of an act of the general assembly of the state of Mississippi.

Mr. Seybert, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill do lie upon the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of B. and P. Jourdan, Brothers.

Mr. Southard, from the committee on that part of the President's message which relates to Indian affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act fixing the compensation of Indian agents and factors," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of John H. Piatt and Camillus Griffith, and that they lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the surgeons in the Navy of the United States, as also from the resolution adopted on the 11th of December last, respecting the rank and emoluments of navy surgeons, and that they lie on the table.

Mr. Burwell, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Elliot, and the report of the Secretary of State thereon, reported a bill authorizing a subscription to an edition of Domestic State Papers, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Scott, from the committee appointed for the purpose, ported a bill to suspend the sales of certain lands in the st Louisiana and territory of Missouri, which was read the fi... ..... second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a thi... time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Pleasants,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be instructed to lay before this House, at an early period of the next session of Congress, a statement of the different places in the United States in which provision is made for the accommodation of seamen under the several laws relating to the navy and marine hospitals, the number of persons, as nearly as it can be ascertained, annually accommodated at each, and the expense attending the same; also, an

estimate of the costs which will attend the erection of a naval hospital at this place, sufficiently large for the number of persons annually provided for.

Mr. Trimble submitted the following resolutions, viz.

1. Resolved, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby instructed to report to this House, at an early period of the next session of Congress, whether any, and, if any, what reduction may be made in the military peace establishment of the United States with safety to the public service.

2. Resolved, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby instructed to report to this House, at an early period of the next session of Congress, whether any, and, if any, what change ought to be made in the ration established by law; and also report a system for the establishment of a commissariat for the army.

The said resolutions were read; when,

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, moved to amend the first by inserting after the word *reduction*, the words, *of the expenses*.

Mr. Miller then moved to strike out the first resolution; which motion was rejected.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

And passed in the affirmative.

The resolutions were then agreed to as amended.

On motion of Mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized to procure a proper person to translate the papers forwarded to this House, pursuant to a resolution adopted on the 10th of March last, which are in foreign languages, and appear to be the originals taken from the office of the Secretary of State; and to dispense with the printing of the papers marked A, B, C, and D, relating to the affairs of Choteau and Demun.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the several petitions and other matters referred to them, and upon which they have not reported, and that they be laid upon the table.

An engrossed bill to authorize the recovery of public moneys, was read the third time and ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the houses of Thomas and John Clifford, Elisha Fisher and Company, Thomas Clifford and Son, and Thomas Clifford, of Philadelphia, and Charles Wirgman, of Baltimore," were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and to repeal the acts therein mentioned:" whereupon,

Resolved, That this House concur in the said amendments, except that in the 4th line of the 4th section of the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee of the whole to the bill concerning invalid pensioners; and the same being amended, were concurred in by the House.

Mr. Folger moved further to amend by adding to the end of the 1st section, the following, viz.

"Job Bunker, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the 30th day of September, 1817."

Mr. Livermore moved further to amend the said bill by adding to the 1st section, the following, viz.

"Robert Ramsay, at the rate of six dollars per month, to commence from and after the 30th day of December, Anno Domini, 1817."

Mr. Butler moved further to amend the said bill by adding to the 1st section, the following, viz.

"John Taylor, at the rate of six dollars per month, to commence on the 1st day of February, 1808."

And Mr. Baldwin moved further to amend the said bill by adding to the 1st section, the following, viz.

"Gabriel Peterson, at the rate of twenty dollars a month, to commence on the 10th of October, 1809;" which said several motions were rejected by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committees of the whole, to which are committed the bill supplementary to the several acts relative to the direct tax and internal duties, and the bill for changing the compensations of receivers and registers of land offices, be discharged.

The House then proceeded to consider the bill supplementary to the several acts relative to direct tax and internal duties; and the same having been amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House took up the bill for changing the compensation of receivers and registers of land offices; and the same being amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill supplementary to the several acts making appropriations for the year 1818; also, on the bill to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks in the different offices; and on the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act fixing the compensation of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, and of the clerks employed in their offices; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the said bills with amendments to each, and their agreement to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the last mentioned bill.

The amendments to the bill supplementary to the several acts making appropriations for the year 1818, were read and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act fixing the compensation of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, and of the clerks employed in their offices," were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments to the bill to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks in the different offices, were read and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of madam Poidevin; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bloomfield reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred in the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act to prohibit the introduction of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States from and after the 1st day of January, in the year of our Lord 1808," and to repeal certain parts of the same." They have postponed, until the 1st Monday in July next, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of a company of rangers." They have passed bills of this House, of the following titles, viz.

An act for the relief of major Loring Austin and George R. Wells.

An act for the relief of Jonathan Amory, jun. and the representatives of Thomas C. Amory, deceased.

An act for the relief of Benjamin Berry.

An act for the relief of Mary Sullivan; and,

An act making appropriations for the public buildings and for furnishing the Capitol and President's House; with amendments to the latter.

They have also passed the resolution "directing the completion of the survey of the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, and for the establishment of naval arsenals, and for other purposes," with amendments, in which amendments they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew,

And then the House ordered a recess until half after seven o'clock P. M.

HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings and for furnishing the Capitol and President's House," were read, and the *first* thereof disagreed to, and the residue concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the resolution "directing the completion of the survey of the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, and for the establishment of naval arsenals and other purposes," were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers therein mentioned," be discharged, and that the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of Cornelia Mason.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported the said bill with sundry amendments; which were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Cornelia Mason; also, on bills from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Landon Carter;" and "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of government therein mentioned;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had made some progress in the said bills, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

Ordered, That during the remainder of the session, the hour of meeting be 10 o'clock in the morning.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 18, 1818.

Ordered, That Stephen Clapp, John Hume, Isaac Thompson, the representatives of William Daniel, and the representatives of Hubert Rowell, have leave to withdraw their petitions heretofore presented to this House.

Mr. Lowndes presented a petition of Richard Bland Lee, Com-

missioner of Claims under the act of the 9th of April, 1816, praying for additional compensation for his services as such; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the several reports of commissioners appointed to settle the claims to land in several of the states and territories of the United States, which have been transmitted by the Commissioner of the General Land Office to this House, and to the committees on Public Land and on Private Land Claims, be returned by the Clerk to the said Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Ordered, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be discharged from the consideration of the petitions and other matters to them referred at the present session upon which they have not acted, and that they lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the petitions and other matters to them referred at the present session upon which they have not acted, and that they lie on the table.

Ordered, That the select committee, appointed on the 17th of December last, on the subject of extinguishing the Indian title to lands granted by Virginia to her officers and soldiers in the revolutionary army, be discharged from the consideration of the petitions and other matters referred to them upon which they have not acted and that they lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the consideration of the charges preferred by Edwin Lewis against Judge Toulmin, and that the papers connected therewith, lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee appointed on the petitions of Benjamin and John Wells, and John Webster, be discharged, and that the petitions lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petitions and other matters and things referred to them at the present session, upon which they have not acted.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the enrolled bills, the examination of which was reported on the 16th instant.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the select committee upon the expenses incurred under the 4, 5, 6, and 7 articles of the treaty of Ghent, made a supplemental report thereon, which was read: whereupon,

Resolved, That the select committee be discharged from further considering the said report.

Ordered, That the said report lie on the table.

Ordered, That the documents accompanying the first report of the committee upon the subject of the expenses aforesaid, be transmitted to the Secretary of State.

Mr. Mercer, from the committee appointed on the memorial of the representatives of the annual meeting of the society of Friends, held in Baltimore, and to whom have been referred sundry other memorials and petitions upon the subject of colonizing the free people of color in the United States, made a report; which was read and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee appointed on the 27th ultimo, upon the subject of prosecutions of petitions of right and informations of intrusion, in cases wherein the United States are concerned, be continued, with power to report thereon at the next session of Congress.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Benjamin O. Tyler, accompanied with a copy of the Declaration of American Independence, which he has lately executed and published; being, as he states, "the first and only *fac similie* copy of the signatures of that document ever copied or published;" which letter was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of major general John Stark, be discharged.

The House then took up and proceeded to consider the said bill, and the same being amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

Mr. Moore submitted the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the —— day of ————, fixing the time for the adjournment of the two Houses of Congress, be rescinded, and that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives be authorized to adjourn their respective Houses on the —— day of ————.

The said rdsolution was read the first and second time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act fixing the compensation of Indian agents and factors," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to establish and alter certain post roads.

An act concerning invalid pensioners.

An act for the relief of madame Poidevin.

An act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks in the different offices.

An act supplementary to the several acts relative to direct taxes and internal duties.

An act supplementary to the several acts making appropriations for the year 1818.

An act for changing the compensation of receivers and registers of land offices.

An act to suspend the sales of certain lands in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri; and,

An act for the relief of major general John Stark, were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid. and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases;" and the same being amended, the amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time to-day.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Landon Carter," be discharged, and that it be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing a subscription for the Statistical Annals of Adam Seybert, and the purchase of Pitkin's Commercial Statistics," be discharged, and that it be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of Cornelia Mason.

A motion was made by Mr. Hugh Nelson, that the House do *now* proceed to consider the resolution submitted this day, proposing to rescind the resolution fixing the time for the adjournment of the present session of Congress.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....38, Nays.....81.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Bassett,
Bateman,
Boden,
Colston,
Comstock,
Crafts,
Crawford,
Drake,
Folger
Hale,
Harrison,
Herbert,
Herkimer,
Mr. Kinsey,
Mercer,
Middleton,
Miller,
Moore,
Mumford,
H. Nelson,
T. M. Nelson,
Ogle,
Pegram,
Peter,
Pindall,
Rhea,
Mr. Rich,
Ringgold,
Robertson, *Lou.*
Rogers,
Sawyer,
Silsbee,
Southard,
Strother,
Taylor,
Tucker, *Va.*
Whiteside,
Williams, *N. C.* 38

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hubbard,	Mr. Robertson, *Ken.*
Adams,	Huntington,	Ruggles,
Allen, *Vt.*	Irving, *N. Y.*	Sampson,
Beecher,	Johnson, *Va.*	Savage,
Bennett,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Scudder,
Bloomfield,	Linn,	Settle,
Burwell,	Livermore,	Sherwood,
Butler,	Lowndes,	Simkins,
Clagett,	W. P. Macklay,	Slocumb,
Claiborne,	M'Coy,	Bal. Smith,
Cobb,	Marchand,	Alex. Smyth,
Culbreth,	Mason, *R. I.*	J. S. Smith,
Cushman,	Merrill,	Speed,
Darlington,	Morton,	Strong,
Earle,	Murray,	Stuart, *Md.*
Ellicott,	Jer. Nelson,	Tarr,
Floyd,	Ogden,	Terrell,
Forney,	Owen,	Terry,
Forsyth,	Palmer,	Tompkins,
Gage,	Patterson,	Townsend,
Garnett,	Pawling,	Upham,
Hall, *Del.*	Pitkin,	Walker, *Ken.*
Hasbrouck,	Pleasants,	Wallace,
Hiester,	Poindexter,	Wendover,
Hogg,	Porter,	Whitman,
Holmes, *Con.*	Rice,	Williams, *Con.*
Hopkinson,	Richards,	Wilson, *Mass.* 81

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Cornelia Mason; also on the bills of the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of government;" and "An act authorizing a subscription for the Statistical Annals of Adam Seybert, and the purchase of Pitkin's Commercial Statistics;" and after some spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the first and last mentioned bills without amendment, and second mentioned bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the bill for the relief of Cornelia Mason be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The House then took up the bill authorizing a subscription for the Statistical Annals of Adam Seybert, and the purchase of Pitkin's Commercial Statistics: when,

A motion was made by Mr. Ingham, to amend the said bill by striking out that part thereof which proposes to purchase 500 copies of Pitkin's Commercial Statistics: which motion was rejected; and,

The said bill was ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The amendments reported to the bill to increase the salaries of certain officers of government, were read: when,

Mr. Moore moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely: And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas .....58. / Nays.....69.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Austin,
Beecher,
Bennett,
Boden,
Burwell,
Butler,
Clagett,
Colston,
Crafts,
Culbreth,
Desha,
Earle,
Ellicott,
Ervin, *S. C.*
Garnett,
Hall, *Del.*
Hasbrouck,
Herkimer,
Hitchcock,
Mr. Hogg,
Holmes, *Con.*
Huntington,
Irving, *N. Y.*
Johnson, *Va.*
Linn,
Livermore,
M'Coy,
Marchand,
Merrill,
Moore,
Morton,
Murray,
T. M. Nelson,
Ogle,
Patterson,
Reed,
Robertson, *Lou.*
Sampson,
Savage,
Mr. Sawyer
Scudder,
Sherwood,
Simkins,
Bal. Smith,
Southard,
Spencer,
Strong,
Strother,
Tarr,
Tompkins,
Townsend,
Trimble,
Tucker, *S. C.*
Upham,
Walker, *Ken.*
Wallace,
Williams, *N. C.* 58

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbot,
Anderson, *Ken.*
Baldwin,
Barber, *Ohio*,
Bassett,
Bloomfield,
Blount,
Boss,
Claiborne,
Cobb,
Comstock,
Cruger,
Culbreth,
Darlington,
Floyd,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Hale,
Harrison,
Herbert,
Herrick,
Hopkinson,
Hubbard,
Mr. Ingham,
Johnson, *Ken.*
Jones,
Kinsey,
Kirtland,
Lowndes,
W. P. Maclay,
Mason, *R. I.*
Mercer,
Middleton,
Miller,
Mumford,
Jer. Nelson,
H. Nelson,
Nesbitt,
Ogden,
Owen,
Palmer,
Pearce,
Peter,
Pindall,
Pleasants,
Porter,
Mr. Rhea,
Rich,
Ringgold,
Robertson, *Ken.*
Ruggles,
Schuyler,
Sergeant,
Settle,
Slocumb,
S. Smith,
Alex. Smyth,
Speed,
Stewart, *N. C.*
Stuart, *Md.*
Taylor,
Terrell,
Terry,
Tucker, *Va.*
Westerlo,
Whitman,
Williams, *Con.*
Wilson, *Mass.*
Wilson, *Pen.* 69

The said amendments were then read and concurred in by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Beecher, further to reduce the salary proposed in the said bill to be given to the Secretary of State, from the sum of 6000 dollars, to the sum of 5,500 dollars.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....68, Nays.....60.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hogg,	Mr. Sampson,
Austin,	Holmes, *Con.*	Savage,
Barber, *Ohio*,	Huntington,	Sawyer,
Beecher,	Johnson, *Va.*	Scudder,
Bennett,	Linn,	Slocumb,
Boden,	Livermore,	Bal. Smith,
Burwell,	W. P. Maclay,	Southard,
Butler,	M'Coy,	Spencer,
Clagett,	Marchand,	Stewart, *N. C.*
Comstock,	Mason, *R. I.*	Strong,
Crafts,	Merrill,	Strother,
Culbreth,	Moore,	Tarr,
Darlington,	Morton,	Terry,
Desha,	Murray,	Tompkins,
Earle,	H. Nelson,	Townsend,
Ellicott,	T. M. Nelson,	Tucker, *S. C.*
Folger,	Ogle,	Upham,
Gage,	Patterson,	Walker, *Ken.*
Garnett,	Porter,	Wallace,
Hale,	Reed,	Williams, *Con.*
Hall, *Del.*	Rich,	Williams, *N. C.*
Hasbrouck,	Richards,	Wilson, *Pen.* 68
Hitchcock,	Robertson, *Lou.*	

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Mercer,
Anderson, *Ken.*	Forney,	Middleton,
Baldwin,	Forsyth,	Miller,
Bassett,	Herrick,	Mun[illegible],
Bloomfield,	Hopkinson,	Jer. Nelson,
Blount,	Hubbard,	Nesbitt,
Boss,	Ingham,	Ogden,
Claiborne,	Irving, *N. Y.*	Owen,
Cobb,	Johnson, *Ken.*	Palmer,
Crawford,	Jones,	Pawling,
Cruger,	Kinsey,	Peter,
Cushman,	Kirtland,	Pindall,
Ervin, *S. C.*	Lowndes,	Pleasants,

Mr. Rhea,	Mr. Seybert,	Mr. Taylor,
Ringgold,	Sherwood,	Terrell,
Robertson, *Ken.*	Simkins,	Tucker, *Va.*
Ruggles,	S. Smith,	Wendover,
Schuyler,	Alex. Smyth,	Westerlo,
Sergeant,	Speed,	Wilkin,
Settle,	Stuart, *Md.*	Wilson, *Mass.* 60

The said bill was then further amended, and the amendments ordered to be engrossed and the bill read a third time to-day.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz.

An act in addition to an act to prohibit the introduction of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord 1808, and to repeal certain parts of the same.

An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

An act to provide for erecting additional buildings for the accommodation of the several executive departments.

An act for the relief of the houses of Thomas and John Clifford, Elisha Fisher and Company, Thomas Clifford and Son, and Thomas Clifford, of Philadelphia, and Charles Wirgman, of Baltimore.

An act for the relief of Jonathan Amory, jun. and of the representatives of Thomas C. Amory, deceased.

An act for the relief of Benjamin Berry.

An act for the relief of Mary Sullivan.

An act for the relief of major Loring Austin and George R. Wells.

An act fixing the compensation of the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the clerks in their offices, and of the librarian; and,

A resolution directing the completion of the survey of the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and for other purposes, and had found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign,

An act to enable the people of the Illinois territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

An act for the relief of major general Jacob Brown.

An act for the relief of Thomas Miller and Stephen Baker.

An act to establish a port of entry and delivery at Cape Vincent, at the fork of Lake Ontario, and the head of the river St. Lawrence.

An act to abolish the port of delivery established at the mouth of Slade's Creek, in the state of North Carolina.

An act fixing the time for the next meeting of Congress; and,

An act for the relief of Seth Sprague and others.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Cornelia Mason," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases," was read the third time and passed as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing a subscription for the Statistical Annals of Adam Seybert, and the purchase of Pitkin's Commercial Statistics," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of B. and P. Jourdan, brothers; and on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the said bills with an amendment to the first mentioned; which was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The said bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Ordered, That the bill from the Senate for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker, be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of government," was read the third time and passed as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had presented to the President of the United States for his approbation, the enrolled bills, the examination of which was this day reported.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on bills from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Richard M. Johnson;" and "An act for the relief of John Hall, late a major of marines;" and on the bill of this House, for transferring the claims in the office of the Commissioner to the Third Auditor of the Treasury; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resum-

ed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the said bills without amendment.

A motion was then made by Mr. Claiborne, to amend the first mentioned bill: when,

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, April 20, 1818.

Mr. Ogle presented a petition of Philip Nollert, praying compensation for his services as an officer in the revolutionary army; which was ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information, that the President of the United States did, on the 9th instant, approve and sign,

An act limiting the time for claims being produced for lands authorized to be granted to the inhabitants of New Madrid.

And on the 18th instant,

An act to suspend, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands for failure in completing the payment thereon.

An act for the relief of Isaac Briggs; and,

An act concerning navigation.

The Senate have postponed, until the 1st Monday in July next, the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners," and until the 1st Monday in June next, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry King."

They have *receded* from their amendments disagreed to by this House to the bills, entitled "An act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and to repeal the acts therein mentioned;" and, "An act making appropriations for the public buildings and for furnishing the Capitol and President's House."

And they have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act to increase the pay of the militia while in actual service, and for other purposes.

An act for the relief of John Dillon.

An act for the relief of volunteer mounted cavalry.

An act for the relief of Jonas Harrison.

An act, to continue in force an act, entitled "An act relating to settlers on lands of the United States."

An act for the relief of the widow and children of Jacob Graeff, deceased.

An act supplementary to the several acts relative to direct taxes and internal duties.

An act making the port of Bath, in Massachusetts, a port of entry for ships or vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, and from places beyond the same, and for establishing a new collection district whereof Belfast shall be the port of entry.

An act for the relief of John B. Dabney.

An act for the relief of John Work.

An act respecting the organization of the army and for other purposes.

An act to incorporate the Columbian Institute.

An act to increase the duties on iron in bars, and bolts, iron in pigs, castings, nails, and alum.

An act for the relief of certain friendly Creek Indians of the mixed blood.

An act for the relief of captain Benjamin Johnson and captain Henry Gist.

An act to increase the duties on certain manufactured articles imported into the United States.

An act to continue in force from and after the 30th June, 1819, until the 30th June, 1826, the 4th paragraph of the 1st section of the act, entitled "An act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage."

An act providing for the deposite of wines and distilled spirits in public warehouses:

With amendments to the eight latter, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. The Senate disagree to that part of the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of government," which proposes to increase the salaries of the judges of the supreme court of the United States, and they agree to the residue of the amendments of this House to the said bill with a modification; in which they also ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the eight bills aforesaid, were read and severally concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House took up and proceeded to reconsider their amendments to the bill entitled "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of government," when,

A motion was made by Mr. Butler, to postpone the said bill indefinitely; which was rejected: when it was

Resolved, That this House do not concur in the modification proposed by the Senate to certain of their amendments to the said bill, and that they *insist* on their amendment to the same, to which the Senate have disagreed.

Ordered that the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, that leave be given to withdraw all petitions presented at the present session which have not been acted upon.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee of Elections, made the following report:

"That they have examined the certificate of election, and other credentials of Jacob Hostetter, who is elected to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Jacob Spangler, one of the Representatives of the state of Pennsylvania, and find them sufficient to entitle him to a seat in this House."

On motion of Mr. Ingham,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to Congress, at their next session, what further improvement it may be practicable to make in the tariff of duties upon imported goods, wares, and merchandise, by charging specific duties upon articles which are now charged with duties ad valorem.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Connecticut,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed, at an early period of the next session, to report to this House, the names and places of residence of the several persons placed upon the pension list, under the act of this session, providing for persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war, and the sum allowed to each.

On motion of Mr. Moore,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War, at an early period of the next session, report to this House the number and grades of the officers of the present army, where stationed, the number on duty, and those on furlough, and the period of their furloughs.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Richard M. Johnson;" and the amendment depending on Saturday, at the time of adjournment, was read and rejected by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to day.

Ordered, that the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John Hall, late a major of Marines," be also read a third time to-day.

Ordered, That the bill for transferring the claims in the office of the Commissioner to the Third Auditor of the Treasury, be engrossed and read a third time to day.

Mr. Hopkinson moved that the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to divide the state of Pennsylvania into two judicial districts," be discharged, and that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said bill; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to day.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for transferring the claims in the office of the Commissioner to the Third Auditor of the Treasury," was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to repay or remit certain alien duties there[illegible]

scribed;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the disposal of certain lots of public ground in the city of New Orleans and town of Mobile;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to alter and amend an act, approved the 3d day of March, 1817, entitled 'An act to establish a separate territorial government for the eastern part of the Mississippi territory;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of the judges of the circuit court of the District of Columbia;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to vest in trust certain sections of land in the legislature of the state of Ohio;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act respecting the surveying and sale of the public lands in the Alabama territory;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to defray the expenses of the militia when marching to places of rendezvous;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to adjust the claims to lots in the town of Vincennes and for the sale of the land appropriated as a common for the use of the inhabitants of the said town;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the same without amendment.

The House took up, and proceeded to consider the message from the Senate, notifying, that they insist on their modifications to the amendments of this House, to the bill, entitled "An act to increase the salaries of certain officers of government," so far as regards the salaries of the Secretaries of State and Treasury: when,

Mr. Lowndes moved, that this House *adhere* to their disagreement of the said modifications.

And a motion was made by Mr. Rich, that the said bill be postponed indefinitely, which latter motion was rejected by the House.

The question was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Lowndes,

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk aquaint the Senate therewith.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, as follows, viz:

"*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

"I transmit to the House of Representatives a copy of the rules, regulations, and instructions, for the naval service of the United States, prepared by the Board of Navy Commissioners, in obedience to an act of Congress, passed the 7th of February, 1815, entitled "An act to alter and amend the several acts for establishing a navy department, by adding thereto a board of commissioners.

"JAMES MONROE.

"*Washington, April* 20, 1818."

The said message was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. J. J. Monroe notified the House, that the President did, on the 18th instant, approve and sign,

An act for the relief of Mary Sullivan.

An act fixing the compensation of the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the clerks employed in their offices, and the Librarian.

And. on this day,

An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

An act to provide additional buildings for the accommodation of the several departments.

An act for the relief of the houses of Thomas & John Clifford, Elisha Fisher & Co. Thomas Clifford & Son, and Thomas Clifford, of Philadelphia, and Charles Wirgman, of Baltimore.

An act for the relief of Jonathan Amory, jr. and of the representatives of Thomas C. Amory, deceased; and,

A resolution directing the completion of the survey of the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, and for other purposes.

A motion was made by Mr. Pindall, that the House do *now*

ject of the expenses incurred under the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, articles of the treaty of Ghent, with instructions to inquire into the nature and causes of said expenses, and into the principles upon which the commissioners under the 6th and 7th articles of said treaty, have proceeded in the execution thereof;

And the resolution therein recommended was read and concurred in by the House as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to arrange with the British government, some mode of designating the boundary line, under the 6th and 7th articles of the treaty of Ghent, which shall require less time and expense than the one which the commissioners have heretofore pursued.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish post roads," with amendments, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendments were read, and concurred in by the House, except the last, to which they disagreed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements in relation to the progress, &c. in the construction of the Cumberland road, in obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 14th instant.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their last amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish post roads." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz.

An act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and to repeal the acts therein mentioned.

An act making appropriations for the public buildings, and for furnishing the capitol and President's house.

An act to increase the pay of the militia while in actual service, and for other purposes.

An act for the relief of John Dillon.

An act for the relief of volunteer mounted cavalry.

An act for the relief of Jonas Harrison.

An act to continue in force an act entitled an act relating to settlers on lands of the United States.

An act for the relief of the widow and children of Jacob Graeff, deceased.

An act supplementary to the several acts relative to direct taxes and internal duties.

An act making the port of Bath, in Massachusetts, a port of entry for ships or vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope,

and from places beyond the same, and for establishing a new collection district, whereof Belfast shall be the port of entry.

An act for the relief of John B. Dabney.

An act for the relief of John Work.

An act respecting the organization of the army, and for other purposes.

An act to incorporate the Columbian Institute.

An act to increase the duties on iron in bars and bolts, iron in pigs, castings, nails, and alum.

An act for the relief of Peggy Bailey.

An act for the relief of captain Benjamin Johnson and captain Henry Gist.

An act to increase the duties on certain manufactured articles imported into the United States.

An act to continue in force, from and after the 30th June, 1819, until the 30th June, 1826, the fourth paragraph of the first section of the act entitled "An act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage."

An act providing for the deposite of wines and distilled spirits in public ware houses.

An act fixing the compensation of Indian agents and factors.

An act for the relief of Richard M. Johnson.

An act authorizing a subscription for the Statistical Annals, by Adam Seybert, and the purchase of Pitkin's Commercial Statistics of the United States.

An act for the relief of John Hall, late a major of marines.

An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker.

An act to divide the state of Pennsylvania into two judicial districts.

An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to repay or remit certain alien duties therein described.

An act authorizing the disposal of certain lots of public ground in the city of New Orleans and town of Mobile.

An act to alter and amend an act, approved the 3d day of March, 1817, entitled "An act to establish a separate territorial government for the eastern part of the Mississippi territory."

An act to increase the salaries of the judges of the circuit court of the District of Columbia.

An act respecting the surveying and sale of the public lands in the territory of Alabama.

An act to defray the expenses of the militia when marching to places of rendezvous.

An act to adjust the claims to lots in the town of Vincennes, and for the sale of the land appropriated as a common for the use of the inhabitants of said town.

An act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases.

An act for the relief of Cornelia Mason.

An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," passed the 2d day of March, 1799.

An act for the relief of John Seybold.

An act for the relief of James Mackey, of the territory of Missouri.

An act transferring the claims in the office of the commissioner to the Third Auditor of the Treasury.

An act for the relief of Madame Poidevin.

An act for the relief of Benjamin Birdsall and Wm. S. Foster.

An act supplementary to the several acts making appropriations for the year 1818.

An act for changing the compensations of registers and receivers of the land offices.

An act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks in the different offices; and

An act to alter and establish post roads;

And had found the same to be truly enrolled: when,

Mr. Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him of the approaching recess of Congress; and have appointed a committee on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House took up the said resolution, and being read, it was concurred in by the House; and

Mr. Harrison and Mr. Pitkin were appointed a committee, conformably thereto, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Speed, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had presented to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the several enrolled bills this day examined and signed in the two Houses.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Joseph Jones Monroe, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on this day, approve and sign,

An act for the relief of Benjamin Berry.

An act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and to repeal the acts therein mentioned.

An act making appropriations for the public buildings, and for furnishing the capitol and President's house.

An act to increase the pay of the militia while in actual service, and for other purposes.

An act for the relief of John Dillon.

An act for the relief of volunteer mounted cavalry.

Mr. Harrison, from the joint committee, appointed to wait on the President of the United States, reported, that the committee had performed that service, and that the President informed them that he had no further communication to make to Congress at the present session.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign,

An act fixing the compensation of Indian agents and factors; An act for the relief of Richard M. Johnson; An act authorizing a subscription for the Statistical Annals, by Adam Seybert, and the purchase of Pitkin's Commercial Statistics of the United States; An act for the relief of John Hall, late major of marines; An act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker; An act to divide the state of Pennsylvania into two judicial districts; An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to repay or remit certain alien duties therein described; An act to authorize the disposal of certain lots of public ground in the city of New Orleans and town of Mobile; An act to alter and amend an act, approved the 3d day of March, 1817, entitled "An act to establish a separate territorial government for the eastern part of the Mississippi territory;" An act to increase the salaries of the judges of th circuit court of the District of Columbia; An act respecting the surveying and sale of the public lands in the territory of Alabama; An act to defray the expenses of the militia when marching to places of rendezvous; An act in addition to "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the 1st of January, in the year of our Lord 1808," and to repeal certain parts of the same; An act to adjust the claims to lots in the town of Vincennes, and for the sale of the land appropriated as a common for the use of the inhabitants of said town; and, An act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases.

Mr. Cutts also notified the House, that the Senate having completed the legislative business before them, are ready to adjourn.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that this House having completed their business, are now ready to adjourn; and that the Clerk go with the said message.

The Clerk having delivered the said message, and being returned—

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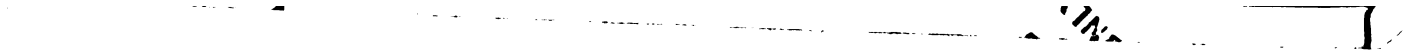

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